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THE UNREPORTED ASPECTS OF DISTRICT VISITING

When I was in college, my chapter underwent three district presidents' visits. They were the occasions for great scrubbing and straightening and general setting up, which even to my changed point of view seem to have had good effect. But the idea behind it all was that maybe Miss —— would look behind the davenport, and we knew, for sure, that she would want to see the archives. Why, we were just that particular as to the effect produced that I remember once waylaying a district president on her way from the train to the house, so the girls could have time to hang the newly laundered curtains in the library. Perhaps it was owing to the fact that our cook was always frightened away at her approach that we regarded it with such awe. At any rate, in our eyes, she was a person to be revered in private and proudly displayed to the university in as many social gatherings as we could squeeze in. The queerest thing about it to me now, is that the girls, usually so lacking in due respect, took their own attitude so seriously, and it was not until the last visit that the saving sense of humor came to open our eyes a little to our mistaken relations.

The day of that District president's arrival is one of the most smile provoking memories of my career. Her train was due at five, and the day was crowded with frantic cleaning, from third floor front to refrigerator room. Even now, four years after her last coming, I cannot disassociate window washing and district presidents' visits. Our cook had left, just as she had on the two previous occasions, and to make a sufficiently fine impression, the town's best cateress was getting our dinner. Five o'clock came and tired, but triumphantly clean, we awaited

the seniors' return with our guest. But they came back instead, with news that her train was two hours late, so we hungrily consumed the waiting dinner, confident that the dining car would take care of the District president.

The restlessness provoked by our busy day could not be quieted, so we took advantage of the time after the meal to practice the reception of our visitor. We took turns impersonating the District president, and were variously received by the gushing chapter. In fact, by the time the door bell really sounded, we were in such a state that absolute silence greeted her entrance—all known forms of salutation had been exhausted, and no one would venture one again, for fear of a resultant howl. But finally, somebody managed a "How do you do" and somebody else broke in with a "Have you had your dinner?" She had not, but she didn't wish much. The domestic science assistant retired to the kitchen and, assuming the air of a restaurant cook, sent a freshman to "Ask the lady if she'll take tea, coffee, milk or cocoa"—To her consternation the obedient freshman did it, and brought back word that the lady would take tea.

Now tea was at that time an unknown beverage in the Theta house and our choice of neighbors to borrow it from lay between a man's fraternity house and our unfriendly landlady. The men were hopeless, so we humbly asked the landlady. In the meantime, we found that in our April greed for them, we had eaten every strawberry, and having so sumptuously treated ourselves, we could do no less by our company. So two more girls were dispatched to the nearest fruit stand. I remember we ran all the way down, and hulled the berries coming back, handing them in at the kitchen window, for the back door was locked and the District president was being entertained in the front hall. However, she finally drank her tea, and replied to a tactless sophomore's uneasy questioning that she never ate strawberries.

She was tired, of course, and in reply to our anxiety to do

something for her comfort, admitted that she would enjoy a bath. Now the gas heater in the bath room was out of commission and our modus operandi for getting hot water was to heat it on the gas stove in the kitchen in pots and kettles, and laboriously carry it up stairs. So the machinery was set in operation and at the proper moment the District president was skillfully drawn out of the range of vision of the procession toiling up stairs with her hot water.

I have wondered since if the noise of our wild shouts in the library kept the dear lady awake that night.

Now the point to all this, which began to come to me during her stay and was made absolutely clear when I took up my office, is, how much better time and how much better acquaintance with us that woman would have had if she *knew* all that. (She does now, I hope.) To her it was an uneventful arrival, and if she had been made a part of all that was going on she would have progressed farther into our life in those few hours than she really did during all her visit. Why is it that chapters are on their guard against the District president? She comes in pure love, to know and to help, and not to search out and catalogue every fault for the benefit of an unfeeling Grand council. Her idea of a good time is no more a succession of social functions than your own is. Certainly there is nothing in the office itself which takes away from a girl's joy in midnight gossip in curl papers. She is a Theta, and is possessed of a desire for rollicking cheer and intimate details, as well as of the ideals expressed in the fraternity motto.

Most of the chapters plan in advance every moment of a District president's visit, just as they do that of a desirable rushee, instead of letting her fall into their usual life. Now you cannot get in full sympathy with her when you make of her such a responsibility. You do not do that when just an ordinary Theta from another chapter visits you. Why should you when the ordinary Theta happens to be an officer? This year, a good share of the new district presidents, having been visited them-

selves, are in a position to more thoroughly realize their exclusion from the real life of the chapter than their predecessors have been. My own chapter was perfectly conscientious in its method of receiving its visitor—we thought that was what she wanted. But from my new vantage point my mistake is clear to me and I wish that those three women could come back and help us cook the lunches we scrambled together and sit with us in the theatre balcony, where we usually sat, instead of down stairs with a few proud money holders.

Do not understand that I am urging against the common courtesies due any guest, but rather against the excessive deference and awe apparently inspired by our district officers. We want to be the best kind of friends with you. Maybe, from having watched another chapter solve just that same problem, we can help you out with the thing that is bothering you. Let us put away the past, and begin all over again.

MARTHA CLINE HUFFMAN, *President Delta Beta district*

LOYALTY

There are an infinite number of ways of showing loyalty to Theta but most of us dream of forms of demonstration beyond the limits of purse and time. There are many simple ways, even for the alumna far away from chapter life, to have a share in bringing about fraternity success. In the first place, one may show recognition of college ties by joining the alumni association of one's alma mater or by taking membership in the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

To take one's part in the national fraternity life means only a subscription or contribution by article or personals to the Journal; a subscription to the scholarship fund, or best of all, attendance at a national convention.

For one's own chapter one may at least acknowledge the annual letter by a greeting to the active girls. In addition many

could send information about prospective freshmen; others, perhaps, could write a jolly song; paint a set of luncheon cards; embroider some table linen for the chapter house, or with mutual pleasure return for a visit at banquet or commencement time.

Is it worth the effort? Try it and tell us the verdict!

CLARA E. FANNING, *President Delta Alpha district*

ANOTHER WORD ON LOYALTY TO THE FRATERNITY

You will perhaps wonder what new thing can be said concerning loyalty to the fraternity, and I agree with you that there is nothing new about the old kind of loyalty, but I wish to plead for a newer, better, broader, more sympathetic loyalty. Let us put aside this old way of thinking, as we have the old-fashioned, narrow views on religion and education which our forefathers held before we reached this infinitely better and more enlightened period.

Kappa Alpha Theta has ceased to be a child, ceased to be a young lady, and is now a mature woman just in the prime and beauty of her strength and power. Things that in our early days of beginning were excused and looked over on account of youth and inexperience will now not be so leniently regarded. We must stand before the world as a fraternity forty years old, with thirty-two active chapters and nineteen alumnae chapters. That record alone speaks for a certain kind of progress. But it is not quantity and numbers alone which count in the making of a fine fraternity—they count for less than nothing if there are not fine ideas, unselfish service, and intelligent cooperation behind them.

There are all kinds of loyalty, but the only great and true loyalty, like the only great and true love, becomes really a beneficent good when it forgets self, and in order to forget

self we must once and forever eliminate our own personal desires for position and power. We must stamp out the personal element so precious to so many women that they can never get above it, and realize the wrong and injustice which a displacement of valuable powers does to the individual and to the fraternity.

There is so much to be done that none of us need feel slighted, if we only approach our work in the right spirit.

The sweet, loving, conscientious girl who is a power of strength to her chapter, who can always be depended upon for important committee work, and to whom all the younger sisters go with their troubles sure of her sympathetic insight—this invaluable girl may not in any way be capable of filling the office of president, or representing her chapter as delegate at convention. But do you think for a single moment that the influence of this girl for the good of her chapter and the fraternity is any less than that of the other girl who has executive ability, a clear head for business principles, tact and charm in presiding over meetings, and the ability to meet strangers readily? No, indeed! In order to be truly loyal to the very best interests of the fraternity we should see to it that our first girl uses her powers and abilities in the quiet paths, and our second girl hers in the public eye, both working hand in hand, and heart to heart for the good of all. Remember we cannot all be great generals, but the generals would never have become great if they had not had great soldiers under them.

Again loyalty does not mean that we are always to blindly follow in the paths marked out for us. It is not disloyal, to my point of view, to oppose certain conditions in the fraternity, if to us those conditions seem wrong. No fraternity can long live and prosper if its members are forced to believe that they can never raise a dissenting opinion without being accused of disloyalty to their fraternity. The day of blind faith in the infallibility of any organization or individual is past, and it is only through freedom of thought and speech that there can be any growth.

There is such a fine article on "Loyalty—How Far" by Henry David Gray, Professor of English at Stanford, in the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, of May 1909, that I must give you one of his paragraphs—"Loyalty to a fraternity, then, like every other form of loyalty, like patriotism itself, ceases to be the beautiful thing that it naturally is when it interferes with loyalty to truth and justice, with loyalty to one's own best self and the most healthful life of others, when it ceases to be outspoken even when speaking out may be very hard, when it in any way condones what is wrong."

MARY W. TITUS, *President Alpha Beta district*

ALUMNAE COOPERATION

Cooperation between active and alumnae Thetas has been a favorite topic for discussion as long as there have been alumnae, and in all probability it will be a topic of much concern for years to come. As a usual thing every discussion ends with the decision that it is the province of the active chapter to provide means for the safe-keeping of alumnae interest. Is this the fair decision? Is there not another and an important side to the question?

Kappa Alpha Theta is not an organization of college girls alone, but covers a broader field in that it is an organization of college women both active and alumnae. There are alumnae chapters as well as active chapters. The officers of the fraternity are all college graduates not actively connected with any college chapter. The very make-up shows that graduation from college does not mean graduation from the fraternity, but merely the passing on from the undergraduate days of Thetahood to the graduate days, whether one be fortunate enough to be located near an alumnae chapter or not.

There is plenty of work for the alumnae both separately and collectively. Graduates are apt to be of more mature judg-

ment than the younger girls. Experience gained in their chapter life should enable them to be of assistance to the fraternity in general. Their view should be broader. In Panhellenic affairs they do not have the same bias, and petty differences do not over-shadow their view of right and wrong. In fact the work that an immature girl can do in her four short years of college must be infinitely small as compared to that which a mature woman can do in all the years after college.

If all this be true, is it right that the girl leaving college should consider her work done, and expect the younger girls not only to run the chapter, but also to keep her posted in things local and national? Whether she will be a drone or a busy bee will depend upon her own personality. Theta is not only a receiving, but also a giving; and those who give most will receive most.

Just the form of work that any alumna may do is for her to decide. She must keep up her interest in national affairs. The journal, together with the reports of the conventions and of the Grand council, which may be purchased at small cost, and read in but a little while, will serve to give all the information generally desired. News from one's own chapter is of primary interest, and at the same time it is more difficult to get than national news. It is always difficult for the young girls who do not know an alumna, and who stand in awe of her perhaps, to write those little newsy morsels that are most interesting. The circular letter is apt to contain news of the finances of the chapter, the status of the house and those things which are vital, but not always the most interesting. Right here is where an alumna secretary can be of great assistance, or where a round robin chapter letter would satisfy the needs. A personal knowledge of the chapter is best of all if one live near enough, or has the opportunity of visiting the girls once in a while.

Membership in an alumnae chapter is of infinite help not only to the member but also to the whole fraternity. Such

membership involves little expense and takes no great amount of time. It brings one in contact with members from various chapters, gives a broader national view, and serves as a medium through which individual work may become a help to the national fraternity.

Residence near an active chapter, whether it be the one to which the alumna has belonged or not, should bespeak one's lively interest and help, and the alumna should remember that it is she and not the younger inexperienced girl who is expected to make the advance. This does not mean that anyone should take it upon her shoulders to run a college chapter—that is neither necessary nor in any way desirable.

Theta will make more rapid strides when the alumnae do their part. When that time comes the fraternity will not lose strength when girls leave college either as graduates or as underclassmen, and the alumna will gain that which she now feels that she is losing. Few have either the time or the money to do a great deal, but if each one would do her part, little though it be, her life would be the richer and the fraternity would be the better. It depends not so much upon the college chapter as upon the alumna herself whether she will be a help or hindrance

JOSEPHINE MEISSNER

President Gamma Beta district

OUR REORGANIZATION

Whether the changes made in the fraternity's organization by the convention were the wisest possible we shall be better able to judge years hence.

Changes of some sort were necessary, for the realization had been growing that our organization had become in some respects unwieldy. This was caused in part by our failure to adapt our system of government to our lengthening chapter roll. The fraternity organization should be comprehensive

enough to cover its greatest probable expansion and development.

The changes made this past summer, radical as some may think them, must later be supplemented by others to complete the work thus begun, or the former antiquated arrangements be re-adopted. The work cannot be dropped at this middle position. The outlines of a somewhat new system have been accepted. The details are yet to be evolved and its practicability tested. A few of the questions which need to be answered are: What are to be the relations of the District presidents to the conventions? How is the Grand vice-president to bring the most benefit to the alumnae? And most important of all, the ever-present problem of all policies, how can the greatest efficiency be secured without over-centralization of power? Upon the wisdom of these answers depends the perfecting of this work of re-organization.

It is fatal to progress to hesitate to accept a change because of the absurd reason that it has never been tried before. The innovations of this convention seem wise and consistent. Therefore, let them be given a generous trial, submitted to the frankest criticism.

Another vital problem is the drawing of accurate lines between constitution and statutes—and as a result a recasting of our constitution. We must have a constitution in form so broad, so flexible, and so clear that it may be in some degree perfect and immutable so that every convention will not feel obligated to leave its mark upon it.

CLARA I. CARSON, *President Alpha Alpha district*

DELTA GAMMA DISTRICT ELECTION

Delta Gamma district announces the election of the following officers:

District president—Ethel Sykes.

District vice-president—Leda Nash.

District secretary and treasurer—Ethel Rather.

Miss Sykes the new president of the district received her A.B. from the University of Texas in 1909. She served Alpha Theta as a most efficient corresponding secretary and also as a faithful officer in other positions. Her home is in Galveston, 2904 ave. K. Miss Sykes brings to her position an earnest spirit and loyal enthusiasm which speaks well for her administration.

A MESSAGE

Since there is so little new under the sun, the message that is in my mind, for the fraternity, is merely a repetition of what has often been said before, and I am sure the chapters of the former Delta district will not need to look at the signature, to know who is writing.

My thought has to do with the relation of the chapters to the Past, Present and Future.

Just a word in passing upon each.

For the Past, the important work of the archivist, and the matter of keeping in touch with the alumnae of your chapter. I am sure this would never be neglected if the present chapter members realized how soon they will be out and away, and how much to them then will mean the news from the active chapter.

In the Present, the careful keeping of the chapter's books, performing all obligations for the local and national fraternity promptly and well.

For the Future, laying the foundations in the present for the strength and endurance of the chapter to come, modeling the present of the chapter upon the best lines, knowing that all will tell upon its future, working toward Theta's high aspirations, we shall each year find the chapters approaching nearer and nearer to the Ideal.

EVA R. HALL, *Grand vice-president*

ALUMNAE CHAPTERS AND THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In 1902 the idea of a Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship fund was suggested to Iota alumnae by Mrs. J. B. Lippincott, and after much thoughtful work presented to the 1905 convention. The plan was approved and Iota alumnae made custodian of the fund, and with her left the responsibility of interesting the other members of the fraternity in the raising of the \$15,000 necessary to secure an income of \$600 yearly.

She undertook the work with enthusiasm, feeling sure that the appeal would meet with a ready response from the four thousand members of Kappa Alpha Theta. Other fraternities had established such scholarships and it did not seem possible that any one would need to be urged to contribute her mite toward this advanced movement.

Iota alumnae has done her part unselfishly having contributed more than half the amount raised up to this time. As there is no giving without a receiving she has had her reward. As soon as there was a definite work to do, the chapter began to grow, new life and interest was infused into the meetings and a closer bond established not only between their members but with the fraternity at large. She has proved that in her effort to help others she has found her greatest good.

The experience of Iota alumnae can be repeated in each of our nineteen alumnae chapters if we only accept the opportunity. The raising of this Scholarship fund is a matter that should interest every loyal Theta. In the carrying out of this definite purpose we will have something tangible as a proof that Theta ideals are not outgrown when active chapter life is past, something that will stand to the outside world as an evidence of earnest purpose.

The 1907 convention decided that the raising of this Scholarship fund should rightfully rest with the alumnae chapters. The 1909 convention report showed that there was some awak-

ening to this responsibility and the fund raised up to this time was also made useful at present by a provision for its loan to undergraduate members, for aid in completing their college courses. This provision assures a double usefulness when the fund is raised, not only will it support a graduate fellowship but numerous undergraduate scholarships.

Alumnae chapters let the 1911 convention report show that you have accepted this work not as a duty alone, but as an opportunity to prove by deeds instead of words your loyalty and love for Kappa Alpha Theta.

MARY E. EICHRODT, *Chairman Scholarship fund committee*

CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Theta Scholarship fund committee wishes to thank the various chapters and individuals for their kind interest in the disposition of the Christmas cards offered for sale last December. The orders came in promptly, and were frequently accompanied by enthusiastic notes about this new scheme for adding to the fund, and concerning the work of the Theta artist. The committee, with secret trepidation at their own rashness, first ordered one thousand, but the response was so generous that this supply was soon exhausted. Between two and three thousand were finally sold and double that number might have been disposed of easily had this plan been devised a few weeks before. The committee has decided to make this a regular custom. Each year a new design will be made and offered for early distribution. It is hoped that the Thetas will again lend their kindly assistance, and will include these cards in their plans for the holiday preparations.

GRACE W. LAVAYEA

Scholarship Fund Comm.

RESIDENCE AND TRAVEL SCHOOL IN EUROPE

It is always a satisfaction to read of our Theta women doing various things in many lands, proving Theta women equal to great undertakings. The latest and most unique is the "Residence and travel school in Europe" with a Theta as one of its Principals, Mrs. Cora Campbell Barnett of Indianapolis, Ind.

Mrs. Barnett's associates are Miss Anna F. Weaver, Principal of Girls Classical school, and Miss Ella Weaver. All have lived and traveled abroad and have learned the advantages such a school can afford. It seems an ideal system of education for many American girls. One year of study and travel such as they offer is worth two years of ordinary college life.

They plan to sail early in September, travel through Holland and Switzerland to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play, then visit Munich, Nuremberg and Dresden on their way to Berlin. There they will reside until about Easter time, when they will go to Italy to spend a month visiting Florence, Venice, Rome, Pompeii, Naples, Capri and Sorrento. Then they go to Paris where they will reside until May when they go to England to visit London, Oxford, Shakespeare country and Lake region. Residing for months in Berlin and Paris will give better opportunity to acquire the use of German and French besides afford the best advantages in the world to hear music and become familiar with great art.

The study of history and art will prepare the pupils for the travel and sight-seeing, which will be done in a much more leisurely and sane way than in the short summer trip so popular with Americans.

It is believed this "Residence and travel school" will fill the needs of both young girls preparing for further college work and also the older girls who have finished their college life but want the culture of travel, and more use of the German and

French before they begin to teach or write, enter society or enroll in the matrimonial school.

Mrs. Barnett writes, "We hope to meet every need of any ambitious thinking girl or young woman. The year spent in this ideal way will enlarge woman's horizon, glorify reading and dignify living."

THE INTERFRATERNITY CONFERENCE

Pursuant to a call issued by President W. H. P. Faunce, of Brown university, representing the Religious education association, fifty-nine representatives from twenty-six college fraternities met at the University Club, New York City, Saturday, November 27, 1909.

With the call there was sent a suggestion of the following topics as the basis for discussion at the meeting:

CURRENT PROBLEMS IN FRATERNITY LIFE

1. The relation of the fraternity chapter to the college administration. Should the college ignore or utilize the fraternity? Should the fraternity confer with the administration of the college?
2. The influence of the fraternities on—
 - (a) The expense of a college course.
 - (b) Manners and social habits.
 - (c) Serious scholarship.
 - (d) Moral standards.
 - (e) College loyalty and solidarity.
3. The evils connected with present systems of pledging new members. How can they be minimized or avoided?
4. The proper control of chapter houses—
 - (a) By the college.
 - (b) By undergraduates.
 - (c) By alumni.

5. The unification of the various chapters—
 - (a) By executive councils or boards of trustees.
 - (b) By conventions, national and local.
 - (c) By publications, periodical or occasional.
 - (d) By a traveling secretary.
6. The relation of the local alumni of a fraternity to the undergraduate members. Should alumni
 - (a) Encourage in all cases establishment of chapter houses?
 - (b) Offer financial aid in maintaining such houses?
 - (c) Appoint a resident manager?
 - (d) Supervise matters financial, hygienic, culinary, and moral?
7. The relations of the fraternities to one another. Should they ignore one another, or undertake official coöperation?
8. The relation of fraternities to the life of the nation. Have they any duty beyond their own membership? If so, what?

The conference lasted throughout the day and was largely devoted to the discussion of the relation of the fraternity chapter to the college.

Provision for further meetings was made in the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this conference that the college fraternities should sanction and participate in the formation of a permanent Interfraternity conference, to meet each year for the purpose of discussing questions of mutual interest, and of presenting to the fraternities represented such recommendations as the said conference may deem wise, it being understood that the functions of such conference shall be purely advisory.

The matter of communicating this resolution and the proceedings of the conference to the fraternities represented, and to other similar organizations not yet represented, was, on motion, intrusted to a committee of five, of which President Faunce

was chairman, he being given authority to select the other members of the committee.

On motion of J. Duane Livingston, Delta Phi, numbers 1, 3, and 7, of the "Current problems in fraternity life," classified above, were selected for discussion at the proposed future conference, and committees of five members each were appointed to investigate existing conditions, gather information, and report recommendations to such future sessions.

In commenting upon this conference *Beta Theta Pi* reprints an interesting account of a similar conference held in Philadelphia, February 22, 1883. It was expected that this 1883 conference would be the first of regular annual conferences, but this expectation was not realized. Mr. Baird sums up the achievement of this 1883 conference as "the development (among the larger fraternities) of a sentiment of mutual respect which has lasted until the present day—a better understanding of their mutual rights and common interests." He is not so optimistic as some of the editors as to results to accrue from the 1910 conference. He strikes at a vital difficulty in the adoption of any uniform policy, because, of the general habit of generalizing "the entire college and fraternity world from the conditions which exist" in one's own alma mater. He says further :

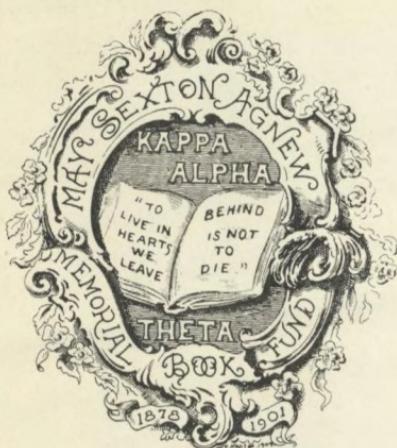
The general officers and district chiefs of the larger fraternities understand conditions at more than one college and in more than one fraternity, but the representatives of the smaller fraternities do not understand such conditions and consequently their generalizations are inaccurate. If such meetings as this conference will result in inducing the active and intensely loyal members of the smaller fraternities to believe that the larger ones do not necessarily lack the elements of loyalty which they possess, much will be accomplished.

A similar difficulty—the lack of knowledge of college life as a whole—has made progress so slow in the Woman's National Panhellenic conference.

President Faunce, in *The American College*, January 1910, comments upon this same crux "the vast variety of conditions

in the hundreds of American colleges." He judges the conference important "not as reaching a goal, but as establishing a starting point; not because of any conclusion reached, but because of the unanimous conviction of all present that concerted study must be undertaken with a view of concerted action on the part of the college fraternity men of America. The two sessions held were really 'experience meetings,' and at the close of the day each of us possessed wider horizon and far more explicit knowledge than when we came together. . . . The conference in New York clearly showed that this growth of fraternity power is at last developing a sense of fraternity responsibility,—to the colleges and to the republic. The old sensitiveness to criticism, the old feeling that no one outside the fraternity ranks may assume to meddle, is rapidly giving way to a recognition of corporate responsibility, and a desire on the part of each fraternity to learn from the experience of all the others." Speaking of the committees appointed to study three current problems President Faunce says: "Thus for the first time these national organizations have united in a genuine task. They have come together—not to surrender any rights or powers, nor to lose their individuality in a colorless amalgam, but to learn the facts, to study the history of the last seventy-five years, place the experience of each at the service of all, and then to *recommend* certain policies which will remove just criticism and strengthen confidence in the American college fraternity."

Speaking editorially of the conference *The American College* would view it from the standpoint of *Co-operation*. "It was a gathering of strong men who had come to realize that the college had dumped upon their shoulders a large part of the problems and difficulties which in former years have tried its soul, and that the period of readjustment had passed up from the alumni of the various chapters and from the general government of the various fraternities to a conference of the leading alumni and general authorities of all the fraternities. . . .



BOOKPLATE FOR KAPPA CHAPTER'S MEMORIAL

DESIGNED BY W. F. HOPSON

There was manifest the deepest and truest regard in every way for the private details of the other fraternities; . . . and an evident realization of the tremendous responsibility which rested upon the national authorities of every fraternity. . . . At least a beginning has been made in the readjusting the larger relations of the great national fraternities to each other and to the colleges and their undergraduate bodies."

KAPPA'S MEMORIAL

"The artist, Mr. W. F. Hopson, of New Haven, Connecticut, has recently completed for the Kappa chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, a beautiful memorial book-plate. It is to be used in the University library to mark the books bought with the income of the May Sexton Agnew memorial book fund.

May Sexton was graduated from the University of Kansas in June, 1901. The following September she was married to Lieutenant E. Agnew and sailed with him to the Philippine Islands, where she died in November of the same year.

With a desire to perpetuate her memory, the Kappa chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, of which she was a member, presented to the University library a sum of money to be known as the May Sexton Agnew memorial book fund, with the provision that the income accruing therefrom should be used for the purchase of books in the department of English literature. Already a number of valuable books have thus been added to the library, and when designated by this appropriate book-plate, they will be more truly a memorial."

The plate is a tasteful example of the book-plate maker's art, it is a *Theta* book-plate, and it might be a suggestion to other chapters seeking some form of memorial, or gift to their *alma mater*.

CLARA S. GILLHAM, *Kappa*

IN MEMORIAM

"When fell, today, the word that she had gone,
Not this my thought: Here a bright journey ends,
Here rests a soul unresting; here, at last,
Here ends that earnest strength, that generous life—
For all her life was giving. Rather this
I said (after the first swift, sorrowing pang) :
Radiant with love, and love's unending power,
Hence on a new quest, starts an eager spirit—
No doubt, no dread, unhesitating forth
With asking eyes; pure as the bodiless souls
Whom poet's vision near the central throne
Angelically ministrant to man ;
So fares she forth with smiling God-ward face;
Nor should we grieve, but give eternal thanks,
Save that we mortal are, and needs must mourn."

R. W. GILDER.

The summer of 1909 will never be forgotten by the members of Epsilon alumnae as they watched and waited for tidings from the bedside of their beloved Mary Loren Jeffrey. On August 23 the dread word reached us that she had gone away, and our hearts were stricken.

When the chapter met on a beautiful day late in September our only thought was to find some means by which we might express our sorrow and make sacred the memory of one whom we had loved. Mary gave her life for a little son, and it seemed fitting that her name should live on in some service that we could do for little children. There was need of a baby's bed at the Day Nursery, and we planned to create a fund as an endowment for a memorial bed. The plan was so sympathetically received that we were enabled to furnish a room, which is now called the Kappa Alpha Theta Memorial, in the name of three dear girls—Martha Fisher Griffin, Hortense Baker, and Mary Loren Jeffrey.

The three fall meetings were spent in making garments for the baby and furnishings for the little bed, and early in De-

cember, in a brief service, the room was dedicated to the service of the Day Nursery. A beautiful Madonna of Dagnan-Bouveret's hangs beside the little white bed seeming to guard our little baby with as much tenderness as the one she holds in her own loving arms.

And so, though the circle is smaller and the loss keen, our lives have been sweetened and uplifted by this service which we have rendered for those who loved little children.

M. E. B.

EDITORIALS

NATIONAL officers have cheerfully complied with the Editor's request that their Journal contributions be written for this issue. The March Journal is an officers number with an especial word to each chapter from District presidents, Grand council members, and National committees. We regret that the serious illness of Mrs. Nelson's father deprives us of a message from our Grand president. Miss Walker's unpreserved trip to Italy and Miss Overstreet's call to Florida interfered with the insertion of their messages among those from District presidents. Miss Sykes was elected too late for her to send a greeting for this issue and Miss Macfarland has already generously contributed to this year's journals. We commend to the chapters the many suggestions and helpful ideas in the contributions from their officers, who are in close touch with all phases of fraternity life.

GENEROUS service of a most helpful kind Mary Eleanor Curran gave when she originated our Christmas card. One hundred dollars added to the Scholarship fund and many happy greetings in the Christmas mail! The fraternity appreciates Miss Curran's work and is proud of this clever, artist member.

THE fraternity congratulates Delta Gamma district on the election of its officers. We welcome these new workers in the national cause and extend a special greeting to Miss Sykes, the district president. Much responsible work is in her hands and the opportunities for service are ever present.

THE season of Panhellenic meetings is now at hand. May each Kappa Alpha Theta chapter bear an honorable, generous part in these deliberations—in every instance putting fraternity ideals and progressive standards ahead of personal gain.

May each Panhellenic keep clearly in view the vital fact that its plans are a large factor in the making or marring of college life for the incoming freshmen girls. Your horizon must extend beyond fraternity and enclose also the best for college and students.

SELFISHNESS and extravagance are faults frequently indulged in by fraternities as well as by individuals. When we count up the funds expended for rushing, flowers, refreshments, and other accoutrements to amusing ourselves and friends, we are face to face with the fact that our fun has cost a good deal. Usually the cost is out of all proportion to the fun, for is it the formal, elaborate—and expensive—function we really enjoy and recall with pleasure, or the genuine hospitality—with decorations, favors, etc. playing but a minor part? While we acknowledge the expenditure and feel that perhaps conditions and results justify at least most of it, there is genuine rejoicing when we have the opportunity to call attention to the always present, though modest, other side of the shield. Such opportunity have we fourfold this month—in the Founders' day observance of Iota alumnae and of Sigma chapter; and in the two beautiful memorials, the one of Kappa chapter and the other of Epsilon alumnae.

Every chapter experiences the impulse for usefulness, the desire to give concrete form to its expression of joy or sorrow. May the work of these four chapters prove suggestive to others. May we, through a little curtailment of the fleeting outlay, provide the funds for the permanent realization of our desire for service.

IDEALS growing through service are the best of ideals. Iota alumnae's souvenir of its birthday party—the little black and gold mite boxes for the Scholarship fund—bespeak the wider interest of fraternity—unselfish service. How many Thetas will, during the next three months, set aside the pennies

found in their purse, or some other tithe, for this fund? Let us gladden Iota alumnae at its June meeting with mite box tokens though she sent us no souvenir boxes. The scholarship fund is a *fraternity* enterprise and deserves the aid of every Theta.

SIGMA'S unique celebration of Founders' day was another spontaneous expression of our ideals. To make the fraternity birthday a Red letter day for motherless little children was a most beautiful thing to do. Through this selfless celebration, Sigma members gained much of the congenial intimacy which is the best gift of fraternity life.

PRIVILEGED indeed are we in being permitted to reproduce the artistic book-plate which will mark the books of the May Sexton Agnew collection in Kansas state university library. This constantly growing collection of English literature is a most appropriate memorial of the bright, happy, lovable girl, to whom but a few brief months were given for fulfilling the promise of college days.

IN remembrance of Mary Loren Jeffrey, Epsilon alumnae has given a gift of wide significance. No more beautiful tribute to the fair young mother could be devised than this bed which, each day of every year, will contribute to the comfort and happiness of some dear baby.

FELOWSHIP and reunion are the key-note of the Founders' day celebrations as reported in the chapter letters. Ninety Thetas enjoyed the hospitality of Gamma alumnae in New York city—the same number that gathered in Kansas City for the Thanksgiving banquet of Xi alumnae. The largest non-convention gathering of Thetas on record was the Indiana state luncheon with its one hundred seventy-two Thetas present. Fortunate indeed were they to have Mrs. Shaw, one of our two liv-

ing founders, as guest of honor. Pleasure and enthusiasm were equally present in the smaller, more personal celebrations. Founders' day has its message for every Theta. Far away from the fortunate chapter centers, were many quiet celebrations with two or three Thetas—in some cases only one Theta—present. The added loyalty and power which the observance of Founders' day brings as a yearly heritage to Kappa Alpha Theta, is immeasurable. In the world's rush, to bide a little while with our ideals is for the individual and the fraternity well worth while.

CHAPTER officers for the next college year will soon be elected. A wise choice is very important. The success and happiness of chapter life depend very largely upon the chapter president and treasurer, and the helpful cooperation given these two officers by those chosen for the less arduous positions. Nationally a chapter's rank is judged very largely by the efficiency of corresponding secretary and editor. In either office, an inefficient girl or a girl with no talent for such duties, misrepresents her chapter most thoroughly. The District presidents, the Grand secretary and the Editor especially appreciate capable chapter corresponding officers. We desire that all the fraternity may know and appreciate the work of those secretaries and editors for this college year who used their positions as opportunity for service beyond the fulfilling of statutory requirements. We make no mention of alumnae chapters this time nor can we name every good officer but it is not difficult to recall the superlatively able ones. The first of the month is no surer to come than that day is sure to bring Alpha Delta's and Alpha Beta's Journal contributions. There is Alpha Nu's clear, typewritten copy too and Chi's always excellent and abundant contributions. Fortunate indeed is the fraternity with such efficient, helpful, cheery businesslike secretaries as Allegra Covey, Frances Sherman, Jessamine DeHaven, Alida Bowler, Ellen Kingsley, Helen Fuller and Esther Merrill.

May we offer a suggestion for the coming year? Fill each office with no reference to a girl's popularity, her deserving of honor, or her class rank; but with a thorough knowledge of her possession of the particular talents needed in the particular office. Let each officer systematize the duties of her position; thus she can double results with a decrease of one half in the expenditure of energy and of three fourths in the point of time consumed. Incidentally she will then gain from her office the training in precision, promptness, tact, and organization so essential to any successful after-college life.

NOTICES

JOURNAL EXCHANGE

The Journal exchange provided for by the 1909 convention has been established with the Journal editor. As many chapter archive and office files are now incomplete, it is very urgent that all Thetas lend their help to this work. Any member having copies of the Journal—of any volume even the current one—which she does not care to keep, will cooperate most successfully by sending such copies, or a list of the same, to the Editor. On the other hand, any member desiring to complete her file, should send a list of wants to the Editor. Each chapter is to send a list of numbers missing from its file and also a list of duplicates on hand for exchange. Lists should give volume, number and, when possible, month and year of the issues. Official files will be completed first and then those of individual Thetas. Do not destroy issues no longer useful to you but send them to the exchange which is in need of many copies of every number.

Kappa Alpha Theta is anxious to procure the correct addresses of the following members of the fraternity. Will every reader who may know one of these addresses, or know some way by which such address may be traced, please cooperate by promptly sending such information to the Grand secretary?

Abbott, Mrs. Cora Roseboom.

Cameron, Mrs. Alba (Jeanette Campbell)

Cameron, Mrs. Mae Phoenix.

Campbell, Mrs. Alden W. (Julia M. Kirkendall).

Clarke, Bertha C.
Collins, Mrs. Wm. (Ronie White).
Fitch, Mrs. Henry (Alice M. Brewer)
Fitzgerald, Eva M.
Jackson, Mrs. Sally Heizer
Noble, Bell Freda
Reynolds, Mrs. Wm. (Grace Irwin)
Shaw, Mrs. James W. (Nellie Roy)
Smith, Mrs. Fred (Ada Rogers)
Smith, Ola H
Updegraff, Mrs. Belle Hopkins
Van Auken, Mrs. Howard (Marion Hanlon)

Help committee; Gamma alumnae, New York city. The object of this committee is to be of service in any possible way to Kappa Alpha Thetas who are in or near New York city or who contemplate coming to the city. Chairman of the committee: Mrs. A. B. A. Bradley, 404 W. one-hundred-sixteenth st. New York city.

Please notify the editor at once, if any number of the Journal fails to reach you. Be equally prompt in sending notice of a changed address.

Subscribers! carefully heed the notice when subscription expires and please renew promptly. Under the postal regulations, we can not continue to send the Journal to those whose subscriptions are in arrears and who have not expressly renewed the same.

We are especially anxious to strengthen our department of alumnae news. Every subscriber is cordially invited, yea urgently entreated, to send all possible items concerning the doings of herself or other Thetas.

Διαλεγόμεθα

Are fraternity alumnae college alumnae too?

IS it true that a large proportion of our Theta "alumnae" are not college graduates?

Is it true that a large proportion of the members of our active chapters are not expecting to graduate?

Is it true that our chapters make a business of initiating girls known to be but temporarily in college?

If these questions, one or all, must be answered in the affirmative by those who know, we ought to face the situation wisely and decide upon some remedial course for the future.

The fraternity was originally intended to be a college organization composed of such college students as were working toward a regular college degree. No chapter, of course, would premeditatedly slip away from this ideal. Nevertheless we must be at fault somewhere. Possibly we need a campaign of publicity to find out precisely where we stand.

Shall we level up all along the line in our requirements for initiation? High standards are in themselves keen educators.

Shall we urge more explicitly than ever before that each chapter set before itself, as a definite aim, an unequivocal reputation for high college standing?

Shall we urge that chapters make it part of their business to encourage and assist such girls as are already within their borders, but are not taking regular courses looking toward graduation,—to do so? Many a woman, now an 'ex.', could have been given definite aims at the right time.

This is a matter of no little moment to the fraternity at large and the careful consideration by our good Kappa Alpha Theta brains of the questions involved should be productive of results worth while.

I, for one, would like to believe that our Theta pin may, in

the future, if not now, be an unimpeachable guarantee of good, straight, college scholarship.

JESSIE WRIGHT WHITCOMB, *Pi alumnae*

The Point of View

A FRATERNITY is recognized as a strong force for good or evil in the developing of ideals, in the forming of habits and friendships, and in the supplying of social and home life. But whether it is in regard to scholarship, or the forming of character, and of friendships, the formative influence of the fraternity—as exerted in the college chapter house—is greater than any of us can imagine or measure. How absolutely necessary that we demand from upperclassmen a true interpretation of the ideals cherished by the fraternity—an interpretation unbiased by prejudice and local conditions.

Breadth of view must be obtained by looking in all directions, but first of all by looking within. We need more attention for the individual member; more self culture (not selfish culture); more of the thought that the fraternity is meant for its members and not the members for the fraternity—that each brings greatest honor, and greatest advancement to the fraternity by the highest development of her own best talent. The fraternity in its truest usefulness must help each to accomplish this with better results than would be possible without its inspiration.

There is much for the alumnae to do which is beyond the ability of the college chapters to grasp or handle. And what do the alumnae most need? More consideration and charity. If our view point has become broader in many ways, it is very apt to have narrowed as regards the fraternity. We narrow our usefulness by lack of a sympathetic understanding. We must remember that the conception as well as the realization of all our fraternity ideals is a matter of gradual growth and development. We are apt to think that the freshmen, the sophomores, the juniors and the seniors are not holding the stand-

ard as high as it was held in our college days, because they do not evidence, in their relations to the college, to the national fraternity and to the world outside, the larger vision, the breadth of view which is ours today as alumnae.

MARY THORNLY GRAHAM, *Iota alumnae*

Sophomore Pledge Day

SOPHOMORE pledge day, without regular rushing and with a scholarship requirement, has positive advantages that should not be ignored because of undoubted drawbacks. In the first place it does away with the superficial relationship that must exist between the freshman and the fraternity girl under the system of functions and organized rushing, and it establishes a normal basis that is in keeping with a true collegiate spirit. In the second place it helps develop class, and thereby college, loyalty by giving the freshmen opportunities to get acquainted, to form friendships unbiased by any fraternity relationship—thus developing a democratic spirit. In the third place it does away with the chance of a mistake being made either on the part of a freshman or of a fraternity; for it gives one the time to think out clearly and decide what fraternity has the ideals one wishes to make her own, while it gives the fraternity an opportunity to know whether a girl is really what it hopes and believes she is. In the fourth place, it gives not only the freshman but the fraternity girl incentive to do good work, to maintain unswervingly throughout the year a standard that will demand respect and admiration—in other words to be a loyal and earnest college student.

The advantages are vital points that concern the dignity of fraternities, as a whole, whereas the disadvantages seem to arise largely in individual cases. The summer vacation is a difficulty, for it seems impractical to have rules regarding the intercourse between freshmen and fraternity girls at this time. If at college we have constant functions and the consequent neglect of more serious questions that goes hand in

hand with regular rushing, can we expect our faculties, those who have our college interests most sincerely at heart, to recognize the fraternity as a help and benefit, as a means of developing the best side of college life?

Some suggest that a pledge day at the end of freshman year, before commencement, would be practically the same as the sophomore pledge day, and would do away with many difficulties. At first thought we might say yes, but on careful consideration we should decide no, for if pledge day is to be at any time freshman year, early or late, we are bereft of our sense of leisure, we begin to feel at once that we must "get busy" and rush, and thereby we lose sight of the big, broad point of view.

ALPHA BETA

CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNAE NEWS

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

It is natural that all Thetas, at this time of year, let their thoughts involuntarily wander back to the year of 1870, when four earnest college girls founded our Thetahood. These four seem particularly near and dear to us of Alpha, when we stop and remember that the very first kite of all made its brave ascent from the selfsame "walls of old DePauw." When our last birthday dawned, each girl, before starting to her classes, pinned on a bit of black and gold and her happy smile of pride might easily have been interpreted, "We are forty." Usually this year brings with it some sighs and fears of approaching gray hair, but Theta sees before her only larger prospects and new vistas. We were well remembered on our birthday by the Phi Psis and Sigma Chis. The former sent us a handsome chair and the latter an immense bunch of beautiful carnations. Three girls have a little unusual senti-

ment attached to their initiation, it having taken place on the night of Founders' day. We are pleased to introduce to you Cora Rohm, Rockville; Angeline Snapp, Danville, Ill. and Grace Paxson, South Bend.

Eighty members of Alpha met with Beta and Gamma at the Columbia club, in Indianapolis to celebrate our birthday with the annual luncheon. It was good to be there and have our Theta spirit rekindled by meeting new and old members and hearing enthusiastic songs and toasts. It was a pleasure to the hundred and seventy guests to have present one of the founders, Mrs. Hanna Fitch Shaw.

30 January 1910 MARGUERITE JAYNE NICHOLSON

The following members of Beta were recent guests of the chapter: Mabel Dunn, Jean Isley, Ella Osborne, Florence King, Georgia Sembower, Blanche Ott.

Julia Cole of Tau, has affiliated with Alpha chapter.

After the Founders' day luncheon in Indianapolis the following Alpha alumnae returned with us to spend Sunday: Lillian and Katharine Barton, Idabelle Ford, Mary Ibach.

'02 Born to Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Woodson (Alma John) a son.
'05 Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Vorhis (Edith Walker) a son.
'06 Ida Overstreet, District president, is spending the winter in St. Augustine, Fla.

BETA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

January 20, Indiana university celebrated, with fitting pomp and ceremony, her ninetieth anniversary. And on the eve of Foundation day, Strut and Fret presented to the college and visiting alumni, with the pomp and ceremony of "ye aulden times," Goldsmith's *The Good Natured Man*. The success of the play was signal and more than usually commendable, because those who took part had to learn not only their characters, but also the mannerisms and speech of the age. The prologue was given as Ben Jonson gave it when the play was first produced, while the quaint costumes and powdered hair changed the players from the progressive twentieth to the

stilted verbose eighteenth century. Jeanne Crowder '13 was charming as one of the cleverest characters of the play. From the proceeds the dramatic organization will give their annual banquet and go to Indianapolis to see Margaret Anglin in *The Awakening of Helena Richie*, February 24.

Indiana has an unusually good basketball team this season. Saturday night, January 29, on the home floor, the team beat Wisconsin in a very close game by a score of 13 to 11. The crowd went wild and the enthusiasm was like that of the football season.

But now for our own good times. Just before we all went home for Christmas vacation, we had the Theta Christmas tree and jollification. The girls were all dressed in Colonial costumes, and at six we assembled for the banquet. On the place cards were appropriate quotations aimed at our pet hobbies and peculiarities, from which we had to respond with a toast. When finally the curtains that had screened the tree from all but the committee's gaze, were drawn back, a jolly, fat, old Santa Claus came bounding in, jingling his Christmas bells and scattering mirth and presents with prodigal hands. The gifts were all inexpensive—the price was limited—but most appropriate. The whole evening of fun was well ended with a "Greek chair" that led us clear to the "Well house" and back again, singing lustily all the while, "Theta's Goat Broke Loose."

Each year Theta entertains the fraternity men of college. This year we are to give two formal dances, February 5 and February 11.

January 20, Katharine Mac Mahon was initiated into Theta. January 28, we had our "at home" day, when we received callers from two to five o'clock. January 29, the annual Founders' day banquet was held at Indianapolis. We Thetas of Beta chapter feel that we are indebted to Zeta alumnae for one of the most charming events in our fraternity life. It was

an opportunity to meet the college members of the other two state chapters, and alumnae from all the chapters.

1 February 1910

KATHARINE CROAN

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Our rush has ended. We have initiated five freshmen. We introduce to the fraternity, Elizabeth Baxter, Mary Bragg, Hazel Van Wic and Helen Ryan, all of Indianapolis, and Genevieve Booc, of Kingman, Indiana. Hazel Van Wie is the daughter of a Beta alumnae.

Roxanna Thayer, Nell Reed and Margaret Barr returned to Butler this term.

The "Big Day" at Butler was Founders' day, February 7. This day was celebrated by banquets and a play, given by the Dramatic club. This year they presented *Esmeralda*. Helen Reed took the part of "Nora."

On January 29, the Indiana Thetas held their Founders' day luncheon at the Columbia club. One hundred and seventy-two Thetas met to celebrate this fortieth birthday. Our freshmen were initiated the evening before and after they had attended the reunion were ready to pledge themselves with renewed vigor, to Theta.

Preparations are about completed for our annual formal party, which will be given March 14. In the preceding years this party has been considered the largest social function of the year. We have reason to believe that it will still have that distinction after March 14.

Probably the most enjoyable event so far this term was the spread given by our freshmen. After they had served to us a splendid five course dinner they sang original Theta songs.

FLORENCE McHATTON.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Christmas vacation seems far in the past when we think of the way each one of us has settled down to serious study

and when we are reminded that examinations will be upon us ere we realize.

We have about a week between semesters and are planning and looking forward to our Mother's house-party during that week. We had such a party last year and it was such a decided success that we are eager to repeat it this year. As many girls' mothers as possible are coming to be our guests for four or five days, or for as long as they feel they can remain.

Our committee has planned a reception for the first evening, to which we will invite the mothers of our town girls, our patronesses and the faculty wives whom we think would most enjoy coming. A musical and stunt party have also been planned. We all wish that it were possible for every mother to come.

I am sure that Journal readers would be interested in our Intersorority Bible class, which this year has been very successfully conducted by the Young Women's Christian Association. The Association felt that many sorority girls would be interested in a Bible class, so it prepared a course of study on the life of Christ with one of our well known pastors as leader. The class meets every Thursday evening, 6:30-7:00, at different sorority houses. All who go feel that the course is extremely beneficial and helpful in many ways. The average attendance is about 50.

Delta girls had the privilege of entertaining Prof. Joseph Bedier of the French Academy at a tea one afternoon, not long ago. He has been giving a series of lectures at the university. Imagine our consternation when we heard that he did not speak a word of English. We did our best and really believe that he understood some little of the meaning we tried to convey. It was a fine experience for us and we realized what a good thing it would be to have more opportunities to put our study to a practical test.

We asked Prof. Bedier if he would care to see our 'salle de manger' and he said, "Yes." Then we explained that there

were places for twenty women in the dining room and he said, "Non, vingt jeunes filles." So all of us who understood felt complimented because he emphasized the "jeunes."

24 January 1910

ANNE STOPHLET

'08 Married December 1909, Hope Harrick and J. Earl Henny,
'07, B Θ II, at Farmer City, Ill.

'11-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thatcher Guild, (Lois Green) a daughter.

'13 Since our last letter to the Journal we have pledged and initiated Agnes Porter of Olney, Ill.

Mrs. Jeanette Carpenter Lincoln (Mrs. A. T.) Ohio Gamma and Delta affiliate, formerly head of the Department of physical training for women at Illinois, is now living at 6 Lansing ave. Troy, N. Y.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

As pledge day, February 11, draws near Epsilon is naturally busier and more excited. There are fewer desirable freshmen this year than formerly. Two or three new girls, entering for the second semester, are welcomed by Epsilon. Although this long rushing season, established by a faculty rule, drains our energies and is a source of worry to old girls and new alike, it has its advantages, in that we know better which of the rushees are really desirable. One big party, with the whole chapter present, and three small "stunts" with a third of the members present, were fixed as the limit of our rushing. There yet remain two "stunts" to be given before February 11; one will be a sleigh-ride ending at Katharine McCurdy's oyster supper, and the other will be a dinner at the home of another member. Our big rushing party was a dinner-dance at the beautiful home of Adelia and Clarissa Annat. Place cards with our coat-of-arms painted by one of our active members, were one of the many items which contributed towards making the party a grand success.

We are planning to have our initiation and annual chapter party near the same time, so that out-of-town Thetas may be present for both.

We have had our hall renovated, and with the addition of new curtains, rugs, etc. it looks quite fine.

Sarah Anderson, one of our seniors, goes to Pittsburg, February 3, to sing at the wedding of Marguerite White '08, and McCance Black, B @ II, '08. Sarah takes the chapter's love and congratulations and hopes for great happiness, to our beloved Marguerite.

At present we are recuperating from our semester examinations, and beginning to prepare for the fraternity ones, as well as redoubling our efforts in rushing.

31 January 1910

LERA C. AVISON

'93-ex Mrs. Robert Esterly (Blanche Curry) has the sympathy of all Thetas in the loss of her father, who died while visiting her in January.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Since our last letter we have a new pledge, Corinne Aldrich of Detroit. In the new semester we shall heartily welcome Gladys Pearson and Emma Weitz, who will again be active members of our chapter.

We have decided to make the observance of Chain day an annual event. This year we shall hold the service April 3, and most sincerely hope that all the alumnae who possibly can will be with us. We are also planning to send forth our printed alumnae letter in the spring.

Lately we had the privilege and pleasure of entertaining Mrs. Maud Ballington Booth in our home. Mrs. Booth gave a lecture in University hall. Eta felt honored, indeed, to be selected as hostess for this most interesting woman. At a little tea in the afternoon Mrs. Booth talked about her work in a delightfully informal manner.

Recently we have realized a long cherished dream for the chapter house. By means of most kindly prompted contributions and by no little self-denial, this dream materialized in the form of a rug, a real oriental, a Kazak. The self-denial on

our part was in the ascetic plan of going without dessert for two weeks, at the end of which time the custodian of the board made a liberal donation to the rug fund. The two weeks seemed to drag a little, but we were cheered on our way by a few little Christmas "after thoughts" the girls had brought from home. The rug is a beauty and occupies a conspicuous place in the hall.

Elfrieda Weitz, vice-president of the Cercle Francais, and Elsie Weitz, entertained the Cercle at a delightful little Causerie not long ago.

28 January 1910

MARY D. MULHERON

'00 Charlotte Walker and Mrs. Walker sailed January 29 for Europe, where they will spend several months, chiefly in Italy and Spain. Mrs. Professor Hobbs and daughter, and Miss Pauline Crocker of Springfield, Mass. are also of the party. Their address for the next six months will be: care American Express Co. No. 4 Rue Scribe, Paris.

'03 Helen Post Steele (Mrs. W. D.) and her little daughter Margaret visited us shortly before Christmas.

'06 Grace Holmes is teaching mathematics in the Idaho state normal school. Her address is: Lewis Hall, Lewiston, Idaho.

'08 Mary White will spend the winter in California. Mr. and Mrs. White sailed from San Francisco for a trip around the world. Upon their return Mary will go east to meet them.

'08 Leona Belser visited the chapter house for several days before the Christmas holidays.

'09 Jean Goudie visited the chapter house before the holidays, and spent Christmas with Louise Tuthill in Cincinnati.

'10-ex Louise Conner Teague (Mrs. J.) and Mr. Teague are spending several weeks in California.

'10-ex Nettie Gehring is spending part of the winter in Florida and Cuba.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

February finds us well started on our second term, with mid-year examinations and dissipations of Junior week safely past. These frosty days, we enjoy to the utmost the winter

sports for which Cornell is noted. Skating, sleighing, and toboganning fill many healthy, happy hours.

Iota recently had the privilege of meeting Julia Benedict Williams, Eta ex-'11, who was a guest in Ithaca with her father, Bishop Williams, one of our most esteemed university preachers. Mrs. Minnie Clark Dennis, Eta '87, gave a Theta tea for Miss Williams, where we had a very cosy visit, with Theta talk and Theta songs.

Founders' day was celebrated in the chapter room with our alumnae, and together we honored those noble women who made it possible for us today to be Thetas. Mrs. Anna Botsford Comstock '85, read a history of Iota chapter which she had written when the chapter was many years younger than it is today.

An informal tea was given by the chapter February 5, for Queenie Horton Sailor (Mrs. R. W.) '09, who gave us a few precious days on her way from New York to Chicago. These reunions and the love and loyalty of our old girls are among the dearest things of chapter life.

5 February 1910

JEAN FINDLAY POTTS

'00 Mabel Almy Willis (Mrs. E. R. B.) is living at the St. Lawrence, 18th and California ave. Washington, D. C.

'05 The address of Josephine Andrews is care of State normal school, Winona, Minn.

'05 Mary Waite visited us at Christmas time.

'07-ex Frances Fitch Pattison (Mrs. R. S.) is living at 3835 Cleveland ave. St. Louis, Mo.

'10 Olive Whitson has finished the work for her degree and left us for service in the Hudson Guild Settlement of New York city. Her address is 361 W. 27th st. New York city.

'12-ex Lillian Whiteley was a guest at Cornell during Junior week.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

First of all, Kappa wishes to announce a new pledge, Sarah Morrison, who has transferred from Vassar to the University of Kansas. Initiation will be the first Monday of the new

term ; and, after the initiation which is to be held at the chapter house, there is to be a joint meeting of the alumnae and the active chapter for the purpose of starting a movement toward a house fund. All the active girls are very enthusiastic over this movement, for we realize more, each year, what the ownership of our own chapter house would mean to us.

Our Founders' day banquet was held at the home of Helen Sparr, one of the active members who lives in town. There were many alumnae members from Kansas City and Topeka present and everyone had such a very good time. Mrs. Sisson was the toast mistress and every kind of a Theta responded to the toasts; there was a toast by a literary Theta, a lawyer Theta, a leisure loving Theta, a four months old Theta and a senior Theta.

Each of the women's fraternities at the university has been asked to give some sort of an entertainment, with a small admission fee, the proceeds to be given to the Young Women's Christian Association. For our stunt the freshmen are to repeat the play *His lordship* which they gave for their katsup. Some of the other girls will sell peanuts and popcorn to the audience in order to swell the general fund.

A movement is on foot among the districts of the Student government to suppress cheating and cribbing in the classes. As yet, nothing definite has happened but it is thought that the honor system will be in full sway next term.

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MYRA ROGERS

'05 Mr. and Mrs. Otto Newby (Darlene Doubleday) have a new daughter, Elizabeth.

'06 Caroline Doubleday was married January 25 to Robert Yates. They will live in Kansas city.

'06 The engagement of Margaret Philbrook and Paul Neff has been announced. The wedding will be in April.

'09-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Claud Clement (Ruby Barnette) a son, Alfred Barnette Clement.

'11-ex Married, February 1, 1910, Alice Wilhelmi to Floyd Doubleday, Beta Theta Pi, University of Kansas. Address, Weir city, Kan.

The out of town guests at our Founders' day banquet were Helen Jones, Alpha, Baldwin; Marienne Brooke, Ethel Mott, Edith Barnett, all Kappa alumnae from Kansas city; from Topeka, six Kappa alumnae, Mrs. Cora Pierson Hopkins, Mrs. Hazel Fassler Dudley, Winifred Everingham, Mary Gleed, Mary Barkley, Esther Rauch and Mrs. Jessie Wright Whitcomb, Lambda.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The Girls' Musical club has reorganized and is planning to give an operetta in the late spring, *The Spanish Gypsies*, something entirely different from the *Japanese Girl* of last year, has been chosen.

January 27 was too perilously near mid-years to permit any celebration of Theta's birthday. We wore the little black and gold bows under the kites.

Miss Latta, the National inspector for Delta Delta Delta, visited the chapter here lately. A reception, to which all of the college girls were invited, was given her at Grassmount, February 15.

The Y. W. C. A. secretary, Miss Corbet, Pi Beta Phi, visited the university, and gave a splendid talk to the girls.

No event in the college year looms so large in the horizon as the Kake Walk. Each one of the men's fraternities presents a stunt in the college gymnasium on the night of February 22. The cleverest wins a silver loving cup for one year. The judges are chosen from the prominent citizens of Burlington. Numerous colored couples walk for a big cake. The proceeds go to swell the athletic fund. This popular custom grew out of a small celebration of the students who met several years ago to rejoice at the passing of mid-year examinations. The event grows more and more elaborate as years go by.

Marjorie Hubbard, '12, has been obliged to leave college because of ill health. We look forward to having her in the chapter again next year.

14 February 1910

EDNA McMURRAY

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

The chapter library for which we have been planning for some time has at last been started. The incentive was supplied by a beautiful bookcase, the Christmas gift of our seniors and Mr. Sullivan, Helen Murray's grandfather.

A fire in our fraternity dining room caused a little excitement recently. In a storm the lace curtains caught fire from a gas jet, and, before the fire was discovered, the curtains were ruined and quite a little damage done to the carpet and the dining room table. The curtains have been replaced by new art scrim curtains in conventional design and color matching our new paper. We expect to have the entire loss covered by insurance.

Although Founders' day came at the beginning of our mid-year examination week, we were glad to leave our studies for a little while and come together for our Founders' day service and the reading of Mrs. Nelson's letter of greeting.

Mu's greatest pleasure for some time was the recent visit of Miss Charlotte Walker January 18-21. Although the three days which she spent with us were very full of the business of interviewing professors and investigating dormitory conditions, she yet had time to give each one of us an opportunity to come in very close touch with her helpful and inspiring personality. On Thursday afternoon she met the faculty women, our Meadville alumnae, and the fraternity girls of the college at an informal reception in our chapter rooms. We are proud to say that the impression she made upon all with whom she came in contact, both professors and students, was no less delightful than that made upon her younger sisters. Each of us will long remember the fraternity meeting where she gave us such helpful words and fine suggestions. As a concrete result we are all striving to make ourselves broader college women with more interest in the great world about us than in the world confined within the limits of our own campus. Although there was sincere regret in the heart of each one of

us that she could not be with us longer, we joined enthusiastically in wishing her a pleasant and profitable time while in Europe.

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GERTRUDE HILLMAN

'01 Married February 2, 1910, Ella Craig to Archer Lee Phelps.
'05 Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McQuiston (Margaret McLaughlin) a daughter Dec. 15, 1909.

'10 Lottie Hammett finished her college work at the end of the first semester and will spend the rest of the year at her home in Pittsburgh.

Among recent visitors at fraternity meeting were Elizabeth Roberts, '07, Katherine Adams, '07, and Emma Edson, '01.

RHO—NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY

Founders' day always finds us in the midst of final examination week. Always we feel cheated out of the opportunity for letting the deepest significance of the day sink into our hearts.

The weeks that are flying by will very soon bring us to initiation and banquet. The date is March 12. This is the most longed-for time of the year. The house girls always move out to stay with the town girls, leaving the chapter house to as many of the alumnae who come back, as it will hold. In this way the alumnae get an especially good visit and talk over old times. We are all rejoicing that Martha Cline Huffman, now president of Delta Beta district will be here as toastmistress for the banquet.

We will initiate ten of the thirteen pledges of last fall. Julia Hainer, being a post graduate, was initiated at once. Helene Peck, who is a niece of Helene Dresser Fling, has gone abroad. Louise Northrup will also be out of college this semester. Both of them will return to college next year and will be initiated then.

Rho feels that a great deal has been gained, both in inspiration and in practical assistance, from close touch with Tau alumnae. Once a month the college and alumnae chapters meet

together, having a supper on these occasions. We are to try the plan of a delegate from the alumnae to the college chapter's meetings and vice versa.

Through their interfraternity council the men's fraternities in Nebraska have taken action upon the question of formal parties. They decided that instead of each fraternity giving an annual formal, each fraternity should have but one formal party every other year. There was much speculation as to what action the women's fraternities would take upon this question. After careful discussion in Penhellenic council, it was decided to continue having formals annually, but to have them as simple as possible.

Delta Zeta established a chapter of fifteen members here, on February 12. This makes the tenth woman's fraternity having a chapter at Nebraska.

15 February 1910

ALICE McCULLOUGH

'07 Edith Robbins Day has been visiting her sister Ida Robbins of Lincoln.

'07 Born, January 1, to Mr. and Mrs. George Proudfit (Mary Morgan), a daughter.

'07 Claire Dovey has been in Lincoln visiting Georgia Field '07.

'08-ex Born to Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Stratton (Agnes Langevin) a daughter.

'09 Married January 31, at Logan, Iowa, Lovinda McCord to Guy Cox, Kappa Sigma, Iowa state university.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

We Sigma girls celebrated Founders' day in a novel way this year, or at least it was for us. Thursday we wore our colours as usual at college, and instead of the customary luncheon on the following Saturday, we gave a party to an orphans' home, where fourteen children, whose ages range from four to seventeen, are cared for. About three o'clock in the afternoon we went out to the home and took full charge. Some of the girls prepared tea in the kitchen, while the others played Kindergarten games with the children. First we had a peanut

hunt, then games of all kinds, the "spider-web" especially delighting the children, because at the end of each string they found bright-bordered handkerchiefs. At half-past five we served supper. The food was substantial, and perhaps somewhat unusual for them, but what they enjoyed more were the gay tissue paper caps which were in the crackers at their places, and the small presents which they drew from the "pie" in the center of the table. Then after a few more games, we left the bright little folks, whose hearts we hope we gladdened as much as were our own by our novel celebration of Founders' day.

Last year the senate of the University of Toronto passed a resolution in favor of segregation, by which a separate college for women would be established. This was petitioned against by the women graduates and undergraduates, and for the time, at least, the scheme has been abandoned. The latest proposal for the successful handling of the rapidly increasing number of women students, is that there should be a Dean of women. We are anxiously waiting the outcome of this proposition.

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BLANCHE STEELE

Helen Thomson and Mono McLaughlin spent the Christmas holidays at their homes in Toronto.

Mable Steele and Ida Carpenter came to the city a few days after Christmas.

Miss Florence Bell of Alpha Gamma came to see us at college in January.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

The outlook for the immediate future is dismal indeed; mid-year examinations with all their nervous strain are only a few days distant. However Tau is not feeling so very downcast, because the sooner examinations come, the sooner she shall have twelve new Thetas.

We are planning to hold initiation on Saturday morning February 12, at the Avenue house, Evanston. We are making preparations for the best initiation, as well as the largest

banquet we have ever had. Since Founders' day and our date for initiation came so close together, we feared that neither the luncheon nor initiation banquet would be successful if held on different dates. Delta alumnae consented to a combination of the two. We hope to have at least a hundred Thetas present.

We pledged Ruth Carter, an upper classman, on January 28, and she will be initiated with the freshmen.

During the past two weeks there has been some excitement, especially in Willard hall. It was discovered that a maid, who had lately come to the hall, had scarlet fever. She was immediately sent to the hospital, while all the other maids were quarantined in the basement. In turn the college girls were quarantined upstairs, and two large signs announced to the passer-by that Willard was a house of contagion. In addition, two policemen guarded the hall day and night, doubtless for fear that somebody might be tempted to enter its barricaded doors! As there were no maids, the girls took turns sweeping, cooking and serving. All agreed that it was a valuable experience as well as lots of fun. As no one developed any symptoms of the disease, quarantine was lifted in six days, and we all went back to college.

There has been a revolution in social affairs this year. Instead of the formal parties which we have had here-to-fore, we are now to have two large assemblies which non-fraternity as well as fraternity people will attend. Under-classmen may attend one party, while the various fraternity alumni and alumnae will be invited to the other. After this year the assemblies will be held in the gymnasium.

31 January 1910

EMMA C. HALL

'06 Leila Thistlewood visited us for a short time in January.

'06 Florence Jenkins was married to George Hart, $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, Northwestern university, Jan. 19, 1910.

'07-ex Jane Dale Power has a new son born in December.

'07-ex Florence Pond is spending the winter in California.

'10-ex Julia Cole entered DePauw university at the beginning of the winter term.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations seemed all too short for the numerous things which demanded our time and attention, but when December 17 came, the day of our Christmas tree and final gathering before the holidays, we were all ready for the very best kind of time. Our tree, which was preceded by a spread, was at the home of Beatrice Gruman. It was a great success with its generous supply of presents and jokes.

After the holidays, all thoughts were turned to the semester examinations, which strike dread to every heart. Now that they are over, our interest is centered in our annual fraternity banquet which is to be at the Radisson hotel, January 29. On the afternoon of the banquet, we will initiate three freshmen, Kate Martin, Helen Barnard, and Arlene Webster.

As we of Upsilon are gathered about our banquet table, looking backward together over the successful, happy, fortieth year of Theta's life, our hearts will, in turn, look eagerly forward to the coming year which promises even more of joy and happiness.

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HENRIETTA RAUDENBUSH

'98-ex Zoe Hotchkiss Duval (Mrs. Henri) died on February 2, 1910 of pneumonia at Beaver, Pa. The funeral and interment were at Minneapolis.

'05-ex Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Carpenter (Katherine Bailey) have returned from Spokane, Wash. Address: 1023 17th ave. S. E. Minneapolis.

'08-ex Mary Holliday has moved to 167 16th st. Portland, Oreg.

'09 Carolyn Joyce left in January for a trip to Honolulu.

Mrs. Clare Vidger Copeland, Irene O'Conner, and Mrs. Jessie Nicols Hoyt, attended Founders' day banquet in Minneapolis.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

For the fraternity birthday our alumnae sent us beautiful and useful gifts. In the evening the resident alumnae, fifteen of them, were entertained by the active chapter. Some of the girls presented a farce and others a minstrel show.

We have started the custom of reserving some of our Sunday suppers exclusively for our women friends. Each week a committee of three prepares the supper. Each member of the chapter serves on such a committee three times a semester. Who says college is not practical for domestic as well as social purposes?

Our annual George Washington party is entirely in the hands of our freshmen this year. All its success will be their triumph.

Once a week we have faculty guests for dinner. There are so many outside interests too. Several of the girls are participating in the tennis tournament. Schubert club has become a very thriving organization. Eight of our members attend the weekly meetings. With dances, parties and a play now and then, we are kept pretty busy, to say nothing of regular college work which occupies much more of our time than this letter implies.

LUCILLE OZIER

'95 Winifred Caldwell Whittier (Mrs. C. B.) is spending the winter in Southern California.

'96 Maud Grover Chandler (Mrs. A. E.) has a new daughter born in September, 1909. Address: 1531 Spring st. Berkeley, Calif.

'97 Ortha Belle Fielder is living with her father in Dansville, N. Y.

'97 Winifred Webb sailed February 7 for a three months visit in Japan.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

As we enter our forty-first year, Chi girls are prouder than ever to be Thetas. That sentiment is, perhaps, the chief impression from the birthday party. We celebrated on Friday (our regular chapter meeting night) with a simple banquet and a "fraternity conference" afterward. The whole affair was arranged by a competent committee from Nu alumnae. In the absence of Leslie West, Jennie Bingham acted as toastmistress. She called upon representatives of each of the classes to tell what Theta had meant to them, in what way the fraternity had

failed to come up to their freshman expectations, and what remedies they would suggest whereby the chapter life might be enriched and strengthened. The talks were sincere and helpful, and we were glad of the opportunity of getting the broader view of our alumnae on present day problems of the chapter.

Naturally, we had been wondering what our gifts would be, and they are lovely—an outfit of table furnishings from the alumnae, and other personal gifts. We have not yet decided what to buy with the active chapter money.

The mid year examination period is once more a thing of the past. We all survived, and by the time this letter appears in print, we shall be thinking of very different things. The senior ball occurs February 24, and senior week will be filled with festivities. On Wednesday night, the dramatic society of the university presents Oscar Wilde's *An ideal husband*, and on Tuesday the Glee and Instrumental clubs give their annual concert in Crouse chapel.

Our formal party occurred on February first at the Crouse Homestead. The rooms were prettily decorated with college and fraternity emblems, and everyone pronounced it a great success.

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EDNA M. ACKERMAN

'94 Myrtle E. Thomson's new address is 92 Gates ave. Brooklyn, N. Y. Apt. 46.

'95-ex Lila Davis Pease (Mrs. Harry) lives at Livonia, N. Y.

'00 Mary E. Curtis is on the staff of the *Delineator*.

'03-ex Susanne Sands Imperatori (Mrs. R. J.) sailed January 26, on a visit to the Bermudas.

'09-'10-ex Carrie B. Fraser and Estella Merrill came for the Founders' day celebration, and spent a week at the chapter house.

'11-ex Marian Sweet has left college for her home in San Juan, Porto Rico, (Box 426).

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Psi has a new pledge to introduce: Florence Sweeting.

Our chaperone, Miss Pauline Shepherd, Iota, entertained the chapter and the town alumnae at dinner at the house, Friday

evening, January 14. After dinner we danced and had a Virginia reel, while members of the chapter and alumnae contributed recitations with original variations.

On Wednesday, January 26, Dr. Mary B. White gave a reception for Mrs. Rex Welton to many alumnae, townspeople, and Psi active. Mrs. Welton was Ruth Goe, '07.

Saturday evening, January 29, Dr. Commons will deliver a lecture on the Shirt-waist makers strike. After the lecture a committee composed of delegates from the various organizations, will meet to discuss ways to aid the strikers. Psi is especially interested because Marjorie Johnson, A. B. '06, who is doing settlement work in New York, is taking an active part in the work of the strikers and even acted as sentinel for one night.

The first semester is nearly over and on February 8, final examinations begin and continue for two weeks. During this time, the social life of Wisconsin suffers a serious relapse, and even then the beginning of the second semester finds many a vacant chair. Psi hopes that all her chairs will be claimed on February 21.

28 January 1910

HELEN HUTCHISON

Dorothy Dean of Alpha Lambda chapter visited at the house in January.

Anna Skinner, Alpha Delta, has gone to Watertown to do library apprentice work.

'07 Born, January 8, 1910, a daughter, to Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Simon (Helen Head) Beloit, Wis.

'08 Ethel Churchill, who is teaching at Sun Prairie, visited the chapter in January.

'10 Erma Wohlenberg, who has been ill for some time with appendicitis, has returned to college.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Founders' day celebration is just over! After the loving cup service, the sophomores, in accordance with tradition, gave a play. We have all pronounced it one of the very best that a

sophomore class has ever given. It was the *Spinster's convention* and if you have ever happened to see that comedy, you have some idea of how funny our sophomores looked in the gowns which belong several decades back. After the play the freshmen served refreshments, and we all gathered around to see the birthday presents which were given to the house. It certainly has been a happy Theta day.

Our second initiation for the college year was last Monday. We are still radiant over the addition to our splendid freshman class of two girls, Marguerite Parr of Oakland and Alice Hicks of Mitchell, Canada.

On January 11 the new semester began. We would have been supremely happy to be together again except for the fact that Bernice Bronson '11 and Katharine McElroth '12 were unable to come back this semester. They live near and come to see us often but of course it is not the same as having them in the house. Speaking of the house reminds us to tell you that for the first time since it was built every room is occupied.

At the beginning of this semester College chapel was started under the supervision of the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. California has never before had anything of this sort and we are hoping that it will prove successful. It is held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning from eight-thirty to eight-fifty-five o'clock.

Some prominent speaker gives a ten minute talk at each meeting. The talks for each week are all on one general topic, but each is a unit in itself. So far the service has been well attended and the future for chapel looks bright.

Another innovation is the Senior women's hall, which the women of the class of 1910 hope to have ready for at least one meeting this year. For many years the senior women have dreamed of having a separate meeting place for themselves, but not until the autumn of 1909 were any definite plans made. Since then all the classes and nearly all the activities in college have coöperated with the senior class. Already most of the ne-

cessary funds have been raised and building plans are being made.

Before closing this letter let us tell you of a delightful time that we had one day, just before the mid-year examinations. On Saturday afternoon, December 4, Muriel Ransome entertained all the Thetas from around the bay, at her beautiful home in the Piedmont Hills. During the afternoon the alumnae had their regular monthly meeting and after the usual business, they interested us all by reading letters from "old girls" as they call themselves and displaying pictures of several darling Theta babies. We are proud of our "grand alumnae."

29 January 1910

RACHEL K. MILLER

'01-ex Agnes Borland Hart (Mrs. W. M.) is spending a year abroad.

'02 Mary Powell Lawson (Mrs. Henry) of Victoria, British Columbia, has been visiting in Berkeley.

'04 Married, December 21, 1909, Elizabeth Arneill and Mr. Charles Petit '03 at Ventura, Calif. Address: Blythe, Calif.

'06 Helen Parker Finch (Mrs. H. A.) has moved from Fort Leavenworth, Kan. to the Philippines.

'06-ex Married, December 27, 1909, Amy Combs and Mr. Harry Dunlap.

'07 Marian Craig is now travelling in Italy.

'07 Miriam Edwards, who has spent two years abroad, has returned to her home in Santa Barbara.

'07 Marjorie Patterson Hoover (Mrs. Ira) is spending several months in Chicago.

'07 Helen Wright spent a few days at the chapter house during January.

'07-ex Marian Walsh Lohse (Mrs. Louis) who is travelling abroad, is now in London.

'08-ex Eleanor Merrill Craig (Mrs. V. H.) spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Berkeley.

'09-ex Rowena Elston has returned to her home in Berkeley, after two years spent in the Hawaiian Islands.

'09-ex Born, December 2, 1909, a son to Adelaide Bangs Eastman (Mrs. Samuel P.)

'10-ex Leila Lindley is now travelling in Egypt.

'11-ex Eleanor Slate von Loben Lels (Mrs. E.) is living in Sacramento.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Before we left college for the holidays we Alpha Betas had two pleasant and informal "parties." On December 17 two of our seniors, Ethel Albertson and Irvana Wood, entertained us at a dinner-party in their rooms. We feel sure there have been few such good times as we had that evening. When we said good-night, after singing as usual, we went away happy with our little souvenir place cards that were dainty combinations of Christmas holly and Theta sentiment.

On the evening of the 19th we had our annual Christmas party which our new sophomores arranged. When we entered the Christmas tree room we were impressed by its beauty. The air was full of clean balsam fragrance, greens were in all corners and angles, oranges tied in black ribbon were effective from the decorative point of view, candles shone softly under holly-colored shades, and there, as the centre of it all, stood our Christmas tree with daintily wrapped packages piled high around its foot.

Since our return from the holidays, after a little reunion the first night for the purpose of exchanging Christmas stories and experiences, we have settled down to steady work in preparation for the mid-year examinations. These weeks—between Christmas and mid-years—are regarded as "a study period" during which social frivolity ceases. But planning is not proscribed, and we are looking forward with pleasure to our annual dance which comes the first part of March.

Just now the athletic interest of the men is centered around basketball. Our team is good, and we are feeling enthusiastic just now about our victory over West Point. The girls are devoting their energies to gymnasium work, for there is an eager competitive spirit and active interest always shown in the gymnasium contests which come in the spring. In these contests there is a friendly spirit of individual as well as of class rivalry. This year we shall have interclass contests in games as well as in regular gymnasium work.

We wish for all Thetas a Happy New Year.

1 February 1910

PRISCILLA GOODWYN

'08 Alice Worth was out to visit the chapter on January 19.

'09 Helen Underhill was with us for a brief visit last week.

'09-ex Grace Taylor has announced her engagement to William D. Heines, Phi Kappa Psi, Swarthmore '08.

'12 Vernon Waddell has announced her engagement to Dr. Arthur Bassett, Xi Phi Psi, University of Pennsylvania '08.

On January 27 the Theta alumnae chapter entertained all Philadelphia and Swarthmore Thetas at a tea.

Miss Gutelius '12, of Alpha Delta was with us on January 14. We were glad to hear news of the Baltimore girls.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

The winter term is considered the crucial term at Ohio state, on account of its length, the hardness of the studies and the severity of the weather. More girls drop out during this term than at any time during the year, but we are trusting that we will come forth in June with as strong an active chapter as we have now.

Social life is in full sway at present, many formals having already been given and the date set for many others. January 14, the Girls' Glee club presented an operetta entitled *Habdilow* written and composed by Helen Smith, Pi Beta Phi. One of our girls, Ada May, took the leading part. The operetta was very successful. February 1 will be the girls "open night" in Gym. with the presentation of A's for merit work. February 11, is the date set for the annual "Coed Prom," and we are all looking anxiously forward to a good time. The annual "Junior Prom" the largest social affair of the college year, will be held in the Armory, Friday, February 18.

January 31, Miss Ruth Paxson, Secretary of the Student volunteer movement is coming to spend several days. We hope to make her visit a pleasant one. There will be several social affairs in her honor.

January 19, we pledged Helen Taft. Miss Taft graduated from Vassar in June 1909 and is taking graduate work.

Forty Thetas, active and alumnae, gathered together at Worthington, to celebrate Founders' day. We had a very pleasant evening. We greatly missed Edith Cockins, who was confined to her home on account of illness, this being the first Founders' day gathering she has missed in the eighteen years since Theta entered Ohio state university.

28 January 1910

RUTH EVANS

• ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

Since the writing of our last letter several college events have taken place. On the evenings of December 16 and 17 our senior class presented *Romeo and Juliet*. It was the first time that the presentation of this drama had ever been undertaken at the Woman's college and all agreed that it was a success.

Since the holidays we have had our annual basketball games. The final game was played last Friday evening between the freshmen and the seniors. Although the freshmen put up an unusually good game the seniors were victorious and were presented with a loving cup. After the game the members of all the teams enjoyed a feast in the gymnasium.

We have been hard at work the past week with mid-year examinations. For this reason we were unable to celebrate Founders' day in our usual way with an entertainment, so this afternoon we celebrated at a tea given by Ethel Luccock and Katharyn Lindsay. Many of our alumnae were present, as well as all of the active chapter. We had a most enjoyable time together.

28 January 1910

RUTH TAYLOR

'02 Alice Bennett Pollard (Mrs. Wm. P.) spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Baltimore.

'03 Nancy Nulton was married on December 16 to Mr. Herbert Scaggs Lerrick.

'07 Marion Pitts is studying nursing at Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

'10-ex Meta McClelland was one of the delegates at the Rochester convention during Christmas week.

'10-ex Nancy Lane Pusey in December gave a recital at Peoria for the benefit of charity work.

'10 Ethel Luccock spent the Christmas holidays with Alma Jagger at Southampton.

'11 Allegra Covey spent the holidays with Lucy Yancey at her home in Atlanta.

Esther Donnelly Smith (Mrs. Robert) of Psi has returned to her home in Roland Park after spending the fall at Berkley Springs, Md.

We enjoyed having Jessie McCurdy of Sigma at one of our recent fraternity meetings.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY

Since the last chapter letter was written, we at Brown have been through the fiery ordeal of examinations, and the Christmas vacation came as a longed-for reward for our efforts. The new term opened January 5 with a dance given by the Delta Sigma fraternity and here the girls of all the different fraternities met for a happy evening.

On January 14 the rushing contract came to an end, and invitations to the freshmen went out that evening. As a result we are rejoicing in eight new girls, who were pledged January 28 at Mrs. May Gamwell Moulton's home. After the service, the pledglings rendered "Oh, I want to be a Theta" for us with great vim and enthusiasm, and then the graduates and active girls spent a happy hour with the freshmen, feasting and talking over experiences of the last three months.

The celebration of Founders' day took place at the home of Agnes Jonas, and it was an evening which inspired in us a deeper love and enthusiasm for Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Alpha Beta fraternity, according to its custom, presented a Shakespeare play this month, which was enjoyed by all the college. The play was *Midsummer night's dream* and was presented in a most attractive manner. Real talent was shown in the acting of several of the girls.

Vesper service comes every Wednesday afternoon this term and we have had the pleasure of listening to three very fine

speakers, Mr. Aked, Mr. McMullen, and Mr. Coffin, all of New York City.

This term promises to be a busy one, and we are looking forward with anticipation to a number of Komian plays, class suppers, and Brownie "stunts."

31 January 1910

MARJORIE PHILLIPS WOOD

'05 Mrs. Walter Patten (Sally Cady) has been visiting her parents here since Christmas, and we have been glad of her company at fraternity gatherings.

'05 Born to Mrs. S. Edward Eaton (Olive Eddy) a daughter.

'06 Hope Davis is teaching in Rochester, Minn. this year. Her address is 512 W. Third St.

'07 Zerrie F. R. Huntsman is at home in Providence since Christmas. We are glad to have her with us again.

'08 Ruth Foster is teaching since Christmas in Danbury, Conn.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Pledge day has come and gone at last. After anxiously watching 1912 through its first year and part of its second, and with unusual conditions in regard to rushing at college, Theta pledged eight sophomores and one junior. They are: Irene Dalgleish '12, Hazel Bristol '12, Bertha Junghans '12, Elizabeth Gray '12, Cornelia Dakin '12, Florence Lowther '12, Emma Rapelye '12, Isabel Noyes '12, and Otilie Prochazka '11. We are very proud of all of them, you may be sure. The initiation was held at the home of Penelope Girdner '11, and a great number of our "grads" were there. On the whole we think the non-rushing rule worked very well indeed—far better than we anticipated. Naturally we missed our usual little rushing parties and teas, but to make up for this, we had a great deal more time to spend among ourselves and benefited greatly in consequence.

On January 15, Alpha Zeta celebrated Founders' day by attending 'en masse' a luncheon given by Gamma alumnae at the Hotel Marie Antoinette. We had a delightful time and expect to make this an annual affair. Aurélia Reynaud and Ruth

Childs, two of our girls, spoke, the former giving the address of welcome and the latter giving her opinion of "The College Girl."

Miss Titus has visited the chapter twice lately and we have enjoyed her advice and help. The last time she brought Miss Charlotte Walker with her and we gave an informal tea in their honor.

Just at present we are in the midst of our mid-year examinations. As soon as they are over we will celebrate by a "grand finale," a stunt party for everybody.

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ETHEL SHAW

'09 Cécile Débuoy is studying for her M. A. at Columbia university.
'11 Louise Allen and Edward Johnson announced their engagement, January 7.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

The busiest season of all the year has just passed. First the December monthly exams; then home for the ten days of joyous holiday; then back to work again with a dull thud at the heart and a queer pulling at the conscience, for in front stretched the long month of January with Intermediates gleaming out through a vista of work—work. Even our lunches at our chapter room were affected by the change of atmosphere and they were omitted altogether as the evil days drew near.

This year we celebrated our birthday with a gift to the chapter, from the alumnae and active girls, of two dozen lovely silver forks, with K A Θ engraved on the handles—a gift long needed and longed for.

Next came a luncheon served by three of our freshmen. Several of our alumnae were present to help us make merry—Mrs. Kip, Elise Handly, Miss Stella, and Mrs. Daud, (Rosa Om-brose).

One of our sophomores, Martha Lanier, was forced to leave college this term, because of her mother's death. It was so hard to see her go—we hope she can resume her work next fall.

Intermediates over, interest in athletics has arisen. Our

girls' varsity is at work again and we hope to have some match games in the near future. The men's 'Varsity is doing well this year, having lost but once thus far. Recently they played a most interesting game with the alumni. Good spirit abounded on both sides, though in spite of old stars, the 'varsity easily won. One of the features at the game was the college band. It is composed entirely of Vanderbilt students, resplendent in black suits trimmed with gold. Their college music is truly inspiring.

On the night of February 14, Cecil Fanning, the well-known baritone, sang in the college chapel. The recital was under the auspices of the Vanderbilt Women's club. It was for the benefit of the organ fund.

The Dialectic and Philosophic literary societies recently invited the women in college to become members on equal footing with the men. The women have had no literary society—had not felt the need of one—but many will probably accept this opportunity to do some good work.

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ELEANOR RICHARDSON

'04 Roberta Du Bose, who is teaching at Martha Washington college, Abbington, Va. spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Nashville.

'05 Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Fisher (Louise Bang) a son, on Jan. 16, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher are in France where they will remain two years.

'07 Mrs. Daud (Rose Ambrose) spent a few days in Nashville, visiting relatives.

'11-ex Julia Chester is studying this term at the Columbia Teachers' college, New York.

ALPHA THETA—TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

With a clean page to start upon, good grades and a happy Christmas to look back on, Alpha Theta is all we could ask, this term.

Tuesday night after the holidays, we had the annual "house Christmas tree," with jokes and simple presents for the girls; but several real presents for our home.

On the second Thursday in January, the Phi Delta Theta fraternity entertained with an informal party at the chapter house.

The following week the Sigma Chi fraternity invited a large crowd to dance at the University German hall.

Added to these gaieties was the excitement of electing a final ball president closely followed by class elections.

We are looking forward with great expectation to our fraternity birthday when the freshmen are to entertain with a supper and stunt party.

For the past two weeks the girls have been busy every day getting together good pictures, not only of themselves, but of our pretty home, in order to make Kappa Alpha Theta's few pages in the "Cactus" the most attractive ones.

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JEAN FIGH

'06 Adele Johnson Wilputte (Mrs. Louis) is with us for a few days.

'09 Kate Flack has been visiting the chapter for several days.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

The first semester has ended. We draw a long breath of relief for the examinations that are past, and gladly turn over a new leaf, which we hasten to fill with any little something that may testify to Theta's growth and prosperity.

The delegation to the Student volunteer convention at Rochester returned, and fired us with a desire for broader knowledge and sympathies; at the same time, connecting us with our world of Thetas, and acquainting us with sisters we have never seen.

We are proud of the interest that Alpha Iota is showing in our new Y. W. C. A. Of the four reports given before the meeting by the Rochester delegates, three were by Thetas: Grace Nash, Margaret Thompson and Anne Fisher.

We celebrated Founders' day on January 29, because it was the first available opportunity after examinations. Sigma alumnae chapter was well represented, and we all succeeded in having an exceedingly delightful evening. We who do not

possess chapter houses and who are not able to get together very often, look forward for weeks to these gatherings and appreciate them to the utmost.

The Thyrsus dramatic club will give its usual monthly play in February, and of the four girls in the caste, two are Thetas: Meta Gruner and May Hoolan.

Our treasury was replenished by a simple but effective scheme which one of the girls proposed. Some of the magazines give prizes for subscriptions, and we planned that if each girl procured two subscriptions, we could get twenty-five dollars. The final outcome has not as yet been determined, but seems promising.

We are very glad to count our two remaining pledges as "whole" Thetas: Margaret Thompson and Frances Clayton.

With the acquiring of a new chapel and \$10,000 organ, Washington university has renewed her interest in "the musical." Chapel services are to be held on Sunday afternoons for the visitors from the city, and on certain days in the week organ recitals will be given for the pleasure of the students. Mr. Charles Galloway is the organist, and will be the leader of the new choir which is being formed.

We have now law, engineering, architectural and liberal arts departments on the campus, and an art school which occupies the British Pavillion of the World's Fair, situated a short distance from the college buildings. Washington university is growing rapidly and affords larger opportunities every day for fraternity life.

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ALICE H. MILLER

- '06 Grace Heron has recovered her health and is tutoring.
- '06 Hirrel Stevens is studying medicine at Chicago.
- '08 May Hamilton is teaching English literature at Soldan high school.
- '09 Jane Knight is living in Texas—Santa Maria, Cameron Co.
- '10-ex Dorothea Marsh is a senior at Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- '12-ex Clotilda Brown has just returned from a three months' trip to the Orient.

'12-ex Winifred Kinealy announced her engagement to Mr. Walter Bryan of Washington university ('04).

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

The annual class plays have taken an important place in college interests this year, and we are proud of the fact that Theta was well represented in the casts. The senior class gave *The rivals* on December 4 and Regina Gorman '10, was a great success as Sir Lucius O'Trigger. The junior class presented *Arsinette Lupin* on January 14. Estella Conselyea '11 had the leading part, while Marion Sukeforth '11, was also in the cast.

On January 13 we had our first rushing party at the home of Edna Stoughton. The dinner which was carried out in the Theta colors was followed by *Reveries of a bachelor*. Many alumnae were present and the evening was very enjoyable.

On January 7 Mabel Donaldson who entered the junior class this year and Elizabeth Hill '12, were initiated.

Emma Crane was chairman of the Founders' day luncheon at the Marie Antionette on January 15. Twenty-four from Alpha Kappa were present.

The girls who had not been fortunate enough to meet Miss Charlotte Walker at convention were glad to do so at a tea given in her honor on January 27 by Emma Crane. She was assisted by Mrs. Walter Volcken, Marjory Commiskey, Madeline Frost. Regina Gorman, Caroline Sutphin, and Marie Balmanno.

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MARGUERITE SUTPHIN

'09-ex The engagement of Marjory Commiskey and Lieutenant Walter Schuyler Grant has been announced. Lieutenant Grant is stationed at St. Paul as aide to General Hodge. The wedding will be March 29.

'09 Edna G. Reilly is taking a trip west.

'11 Estelle Conselyea is chairman of the Junior Prom committee. The Prom will be held on March 28 at the Pouch Mansion, Brooklyn.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

The chief topic about college now is the plan of sending the crew east to meet that of Wisconsin. Conditions here are very favorable to rowing and now that rowing has been dropped by the two California universities, it will be necessary for Washington to find its opponents in the east if it would keep the sport alive.

We had a belated Christmas tree after all of the girls had returned from vacation. Everyone received an appropriate present of a humorous sort and the house had many lovely and useful gifts. Several of the old Alpha Lambda girls and a few of the other alumnae were present so that altogether we succeeded in capturing a good deal of the Christmas spirit out of season.

We are nearing the end of the semester and all of us are experiencing more or less anxiety. The freshmen feel that they have double cause as faculty ruling requires a student to earn twelve credits before he can be initiated into a fraternity.

The initiation will be held at the chapter house in the afternoon and the banquet will be given down town, at the Hotel Sorrento, in the evening.

There will be a regular two weeks rushing season next semester, governed by the same rules as in the fall; so, with the final examinations hanging over our heads and this in prospect, we expect to be very busy for the next few weeks.

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SARA VINSONHALER

'11-ex The engagement has been announced of Gretchen Gleenore Gepfert and Mr. Sterling B. Hill, Phi Gamma Delta.

Miss Jones, Beta, of Tacoma, visited us January 23.

ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Christmas and the holidays will have become ancient history by the time the March Journal appears, but the night before we left for home was one we will long remember. All of the girls, outside of the house as well as in, took dinner at the house.

Then we had a big Christmas tree which was a beauty and laden with many pretty gifts. Instead of being busy for weeks before trying to invent something for every one, we decided to have each girl pay so much and then a committee bought a present for each girl. In this way nicer presents were obtained and all had something to keep which they felt was the gift of the chapter. Each gave the committee a list of three things she would like to have so that they might take their choice and still surprise her. The pledging of Mary Colgan before our Christmas dinner added to the joy of the occasion and we had a very happy evening just among ourselves.

Friday, January 7, we had the first of our monthly "at homes" for the faculty women. The pleasure of meeting and knowing these women is one of the good things of our university life. We are sure this is true in more ways than one, for one of them, a patroness, strengthened her already secure place in our hearts, by sending us a few days ago, a dozen jars of preserves which she had made herself!

Now that the Christmas rush is over, the rush just before examinations has begun and it is really wonderful how we manage to remain in our right minds under the circumstances. Surely long examinations, coming one after another are a relic of barbarism and will pass away in the progress of civilization. We fervently hope so.

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LOUISE NORTON

'08 Nell Koken spent a few days at the chapter house just before the holidays. Her engagement to Mr. Frank Mann of Enid, Okla. has recently been announced.

'08 Charlotte Talpey is teaching in Snyder, Okla.

'09-ex Rosabelle Schleicher's engagement to Mr. William Dick of Salt Lake City, is announced.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

This last month has been the very busiest we have experienced as Thetas. Our rushing season has been going on for three weeks now and you can all understand how exciting it

must be for us, as both the Kappas and we ourselves are experiencing our first rushing season since we have become nationals.

We opened our rushing season at the home of Mrs. J. P. Rowe, at a very informal Kensington. Our first formal entertainment was a box party at *The man of the hour*. We had as our guests, besides our rushees, all the resident Thetas and our patronesses. Mrs. John Lucy gave a tea in our honor, and Mrs. Warren Wilcox entertained us at a very prettily appointed breakfast. The table was artistically decorated in the Theta colors, and yellow snap dragons made a very effective center piece. The place cards were plain white with Kappa Alpha Theta engraved on one side, and the guest's name on the other. These were attached to dainty candy baskets of black and gold. We also held a theater party at *In Hayti*. There are but four days left before the rushing is over and we have several other "stunts" planned. The appointed time for pledging is one minute after twelve, February 2. Although we have every reason to be confident of success, we can scarcely wait for the fatal moment when we shall know whether it is "to be or not to be."

This has been an especially busy month for Alpha Nu. Aside from rushing we have been busy with final examinations, semester papers and all else that goes with a semester end. Our second semester commences on February 3, and we expect more new girls to register.

Since our last letter we have pledged two more girls, Margaret McCampbell, a sophomore, and Flora Averill, a junior. Both of these girls were members of Theta Phi and would have been charter members of Alpha Nu, were it not for the fact that neither girl attended college the second semester of last year.

Alpha Nu observed Founders' day, by giving a luncheon for members and pledges, in our apartment in Woman's Hall.

We are expecting one of the charter members of Theta Phi, an alumna of the university, to come sometime within the next month—to be initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta.

We are the happy possessors of new library furniture, which our alumnae members were kind enough to present us for a Christmas gift.

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FAY WRIGHT

ALPHA OMEGON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

First semester examinations are just over, and every one we meet seems to breathe a sigh of relief. Now we feel free for the few days before time to enroll for the second semester. We are hoping some promising freshmen will enter at this time.

Our Christmas tree was late this year which we had on January 18 at Agnes Lindsay's home. The first part of the evening was spent socially with music and fun. Miss Brooke, our new associate member, sang for us the Theta song she has written. We are very proud of the new song and the writer too. Agnes and her mother, Mrs. Lindsay, served dainty refreshments. Afterward we had our tree. It was a real Christmas tree, with candles and tinsel. Piled around it were lovely cut glass, china, silver, linen, and other things useful for the house. Quite a number of outside friends as well as members of the fraternity remembered us.

We enjoyed a short visit from Mrs. Daisy White Patrick, Psi, last week. She brought us as a Founders' day gift, a pair of handsome brass candlesticks, engraved K A Θ—1910.

We have the custom of monthly receptions to students, faculty and friends. These give an opportunity for becoming better acquainted with those outside the fraternity.

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NINA BESENT

'07 Mary Alice Boyd and her parents sailed January 25 for Porto Rico.

'11 Lottie Boyle visited Frances Dorchester in Pauls Valley Christmas.

'11 Anna Higginbotham spent the holidays with Gertrude Buxton in Oklahoma City.

'11 Merl Edie spent Christmas with Anna White in Chickasha.

'12 Merle Millar was in Muskogee Christmas.

Adelaide Loomis and Nina Bessent visited Nell Robinson in Kansas City during Christmas holidays.

GAMMA ALUMNAE—NEW YORK CITY

Our Founders' day luncheon was held on January 15 at the Hotel Marie Antoinette, where our efficient committee, with Miss Emma S. Crane as chairman, had anticipated our every need. In spite of the blizzard, which necessitated carriages and sleighs for many, there were, out of ninety-nine acceptances, ninety present.

The chapters represented were Alpha Zeta, Alpha Kappa, Chi, Iota, Alpha Epsilon, Alpha Beta, Alpha Gamma, Alpha, Lambda, Alpha Omicron, Pi, Eta, Beta, and Alpha Delta, making fourteen chapters in all.

The active girls from Adelphi and Barnard showed their appreciation of our change of date in their behalf (mid-year examinations had heretofore prevented their attendance) by a full representation of their chapters, Alpha Zeta had the largest attendance of any one chapter, numbering thirty-seven, active and alumnae; with Alpha Kappa a close second, numbering twenty-four, Dr. Annie MacLean being one of their number.

Gamma alumnae meetings have had an average attendance of forty. Our energetic president, Miss Reynaud, has appointed one member from each chapter represented, to act as a reception committee at these meetings, so that each girl may find herself welcomed by a member from her own chapter and feel readily at home.

Our discussions at our meetings have been long and animated. Believing in peace, but not at the expense of progress, believing in a regard for the feelings of all, but not at the expense of the fraternity at large, we have seriously and earnestly been working for the best interest of our national organization.

We most earnestly invite all Thetas living in the vicinity or who are visiting New York city to attend our monthly meet-

ings at the Martha Washington on the first Saturday of each month at eleven A. M. Make yourself known to us.

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MAUD FOLKS

Mrs. Edward H. Wilson gave a reception to Gamma alumnae, Adelphi and all visiting Thetas, on December 29 at her home, 21 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn.

Miss Emma S. Crane has cards out for an At Home at 295 Garfield Place, Brooklyn, on January 27, in honor of Miss Charlotte Walker, our former Journal Editor.

EPSILON ALUMNAE—COLUMBUS, OHIO

Epsilon alumnae and Alpha Gamma celebrated Founders' day, January 27 together. We had a dinner at Worthington, ten miles out of Columbus and truly enjoyed it. Thirty-eight were present. Virgilia Wallace of Epsilon was with us, and entertained us with several delightful vocal selections.

ZETA ALUMNAE—INDIANAPOLIS

Zeta alumnae made the arrangements for the annual state luncheon to celebrate Founders' day. The luncheon was at the Columbia club, Indianapolis, on January 29. One hundred and seventy-two Thetas gathered for the celebration, representing the three college chapters of the state, Alpha, Beta, Gamma; and the two alumnae chapters, Alpha and Zeta; with fifty guests, alumnae resident in various parts of the state.

Miss Augusta Stevenson, author of the children's part in the Hudson-Fulton pageant and a writer of classic fairy tales, presided as toastmistress. The toasts were responded to by representatives of the three college chapters, Alpha, Beta, Gamma. The toasts were on the caption for this birthday, "Fair, fat and forty." The music was the *Theta prayer* sung, with harp accompaniment, by Florence Frazee and *Theta unity* sung, with harp accompaniment, by Fern Brendel.

Mrs. Hannah Fitch Shaw, one of the two living founders, was the special guest of honor.

IOTA ALUMNAE—LOS ANGELES

On January 28 forty members of Iota alumnae gathered to honor the fortieth birthday of Kappa Alpha Theta. Distance keeps many from the monthly meetings, so Theta grasps hands with Theta enthusiastically when meeting at this annual banquet. This year there were a large number of visiting Thetas.

The splendid committee had arranged a delicious supper and the table was beautiful in its decorations of black and gold. The toast cards were the artistic work of Mary Curran, whose loyalty and generosity have become known to all Thetas through the Christmas cards. Dorothea Nourse presided as toastmistress. She spoke of the fortieth year as the time when fraternities, as well as individuals, should know what they have done, what they are doing, and what they are going to do. Miss Nourse compared the building of our fraternity to the building of a mighty vessel, and showed the fitness of the selection of Longfellow's *Building of the Ship* as our banquet poem. Mrs. Bovard, identified so long with Alpha, was to respond to the first toast, but was not present owing to the death of her mother. Ida B. Lindley brought Mrs. Bovard's greeting and paid a beautiful tribute to her mother. Jessie Macfarland spoke of the growth of the fraternity, reminding us of the time when the watch-word, "Westward," had spread throughout the "Greek Fleet." She spoke of the loyalty and devotion of the oldest chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta, and then of the earnest zeal and enthusiasm of our new chapters, and their splendid determination to realize the ideals of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Ida B. Lindley followed with a message from the Scholarship committee. If this committee ever has any doubts as to the interest of Thetas in the Scholarship fund, these doubts are surely swept aside at least once a year, when we gather for our Founders' day banquet, and rejoice over the plan which originated with one of our members, Mrs. J. B. Lippincott. Ada Edwards Laughlin for the committee, explained the little yellow boxes, with bows of black ribbon, to be found beside each

plate. These are for use each day as we add to the Scholarship fund, until the June meeting when the boxes will be opened and their contents contributed to the fund.

Sue Barnwell gave the history of the Theta Christmas card, how the idea originated with Mary Curran, and both suggestion and design, were given because of her devotion to the interests of the Scholarship fund. The fund, through the sale of these cards, has been increased by about one hundred dollars.

We were most fortunate in having Marion Whipple Garrettson with us, and at the request of the toastmistress, she responded to a toast—so aptly and fittingly applied to her—“The Concrete Example of a true Theta.”

Winifred Caldwell Whittier of Chicago, was also with us, and we were delighted to hear her message of greeting. For some she brought back the happy convention days in Chicago.

Grace Lavagea spoke of the fine spirit, the theme, the high aims, the “unconventionality” of our last convention, emphasizing the type of Theta represented there. And yet with the strength of each individual delegation, came also the stronger impression of the unity of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mary Graham spoke of the growing importance of our alumnae membership, their debt to the fraternity, to the active chapters and to the community. She emphasized the need of a definite object to make the existence of an alumnae chapter truly worth while. Often such an object must be the education of its own members in regard to the policy, purpose, and principles of Kappa Alpha Theta.

After the loving cup had passed and we had pledged anew our loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta, fraternity songs were sung with an earnestness that spoke truly of the joy of the reunion of this group of Thetas. As our alumnae chapters thus remember Founders' day from year to year, we can hardly realize how much such reunions are doing to sustain the interest and loyalty of our alumnae membership.

KAPPA ALUMNAE—PITTSBURG

Deviating from the plan of meeting at the College club, Kappa alumnae accepted an invitation from Ida Evans Bixler (Mrs. L. C.) to meet at her home, January 8. Mrs. Bixler was assisted by Helen Moore Lampher and Mary Boss. Eight chapters were represented by the twenty-five Thetas present.

Founders' day was observed by a luncheon at the Fort Pitt hotel. Covers were laid for twenty-nine. Mrs. Lampher, Alpha Beta, was toastmistress. Marion Leatherman, Iota; Mrs. Bixler, Alpha Delta; and Dr. Goff spoke; while Bessie Dutton, Mu, sang most charmingly. Mrs. Bixler expressed the conviction of each member of Kappa alumnae in her toast with its refrain "We want the 1911 convention."

Immediately after the luncheon came the election of officers, which resulted as follows:

President, Gladys McVay Skinner, Zeta.

Vice-president, Ida Evans Bixler, Alpha Delta.

Secretary, Marion Leatherman, Iota.

Treasurer, Anna Goff Smith, Mu.

Editor, Annie White Emley, Eta.

Kappa alumnae was honored recently by a visit from Charlotte Hall Walker, President of Beta Beta district. Although her stay was necessarily short, we felt that much had been gained by the discussion of fraternity business in a personal interview.

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ANNIE WHITE EMLEY

MU ALUMNAE—CLEVELAND, OHIO

Best greetings for the New Year from Mu alumnae chapter to all Thetas. We held the first meeting of the year with Mrs. Laughlin at her new home on the lake shore. Mrs. Laughlin served a delightful luncheon. Mrs. Randall our delegate to the convention was with us. She was so full of enthusiasm and fraternity news, that we all caught the spirit of the convention and felt that we had had a glimpse of it ourselves.

We are all busy women, as college women should be, with varied interests, yet we put aside the second Saturday of each month as a time when we meet with one common interest at heart, that of Kappa Alpha Theta.

We are now looking forward to our Founders' day celebration, a luncheon at the Colonial hotel. We expect all of our members to be present and some of our Theta friends from suburban cities who, on account of distance, are not able to be present at all of our meetings.

We are fortunate in having with us this year Miss Weitz of Eta. As we have no college chapter in our midst we appreciate having girls come into Mu alumnae direct from a college chapter. They help us keep in touch with the college chapters.

With best wishes for nineteen hundred and ten to all of our chapters from coast to coast.

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AUSTA BERYL KELLY

XI ALUMNAE—KANSAS CITY

Xi alumnae has but one complaint—we are so busy with affairs of home and school, that our meetings must come too far apart. We have had three this year.

Our first was at the home of Mrs. Elsie Coon Howard, Alpha Epsilon. At this meeting we added to our roll several Thetas who have but recently come to live in Kansas city; and we planned our Thanksgiving banquet.

We next met with Nina Drake, Kappa, and, while pleasantly visiting, we hemmed table linen for Kappa.

Our third meeting was with Margaret Philbrook, Kappa, where 'Five hundred' was the diversion. Here plans were started for a Panhellenic banquet at Morton's hall this spring. A Panhellenic banquet was so successfully carried through last year, that we hope to make it an annual event.

Our annual Thanksgiving banquet was most successful this year. We had with us the active members of both Kappa and Alpha Mu, also representatives of Pi alumnae and of the alum-

nae club in Lawrence. The banquet was at the Hotel Baltimore on the night before the Kansas-Missouri game. Enthusiasm and excitement ran high.

Xi alumnae sends greetings to both college and alumnae chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta and hopes that the year 1910 may be one of prosperity throughout the fraternity.

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HELEN A. ALDER

PI ALUMNAE—TOPEKA

Pi alumnae has so far occupied itself with no more strenuous exertions than are implied in banqueting and electing or re-electing officers.

There are however a few symptoms of future exploits—more than one member has been heard to suggest that it was time to "do things."

January 22, Mrs. F. W. Watson (Gertrude Jenkins, Delta) entertained the chapter very handsomely at a luncheon in her own home. January 27 a number of us will go to Lawrence for Kappa's Founders' day banquet. A large proportion of the members of Pi alumnae hail from the University of Kansas.

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JESSIE WRIGHT WHITCOMB

RHO ALUMNAE—DENVER

On January 29 sixteen Thetas met at the Chateau Lafayette to celebrate Founders' day. What a happy occasion it was to see sixteen Thetas around the luncheon table! There were eleven chapters represented, Alpha Delta, Theta, Kappa, Zeta, Phi, Chi, Psi, Pi, Iota, and Mu. We sang Theta songs, talked of fraternity interests, exchanged bits of Theta news, and when it was over every one said, "Let's do it again." One loyal Theta came two hundred and fifty miles to attend the luncheon, and another came one hundred miles. It was splendid to see the interest they took in fraternity affairs, and the delight they had, each in meeting a girl from her own chapter.

UPSILON ALUMNAE—SAN FRANCISCO

Upsilon alumnae had its beginning last summer when Miss Macfarland, our district president, called together the resident Thetas around the bay, and discussed with us the possibilities of an alumnae chapter, in this vicinity. The Omega girls threw open their beautiful new house for this meeting, and entertained us royally. Old college mates met again, and many of us who had had no opportunities for active fraternity life since leaving college realized how much an alumnae chapter would mean. And our petition for a charter was the result.

Our first real meeting as a chapter was held in November at the home of Genevieve Chambers, in Oakland, and although small in numbers it was most enthusiastic in spirit.

More was accomplished in January, when we met at Vita Vincent's. Our guest on that occasion was Mary Hutchins of Phi. Genevieve Chambers gave us a most interesting account of the convention, which made us all feel in closer touch with the fraternity.

As yet our chapter has outlined no definite work for itself, but we sincerely hope to accomplish something that may be of real use to Theta. Meetings will be held on the second Saturday of each month, and for the convenience of those on both sides of the bay they will alternate for the present between San Francisco and Oakland.

Undoubtedly there is a splendid chance for a strong alumnae chapter here in the bay district. Phi and Omega girls will have an organization all ready for them to step into when they leave college, and besides that, the eastern women who come to live in California will find a fraternity home awaiting them.

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KATHRYN CULVER

EXCHANGES

No fraternity grows great by the simple process of having ideals. A fraternity grows great by the difficult process of living its ideals. The ideals are the tools with which is wrought the manhood of the Brother: see, then, that these tools be well edged and of fine temper; but never allow them to rest in glass cases or locked within the strong-box of a chapter hall; while other inferior tools, borrowed from our Panhellenic inheritance or from popular standards of morals, do the actual work, and half secure the results which Christian Faith as distinguished from "Christianity," high and clean morality as distinguished from "good morals," Brotherly Love as distinguished from "fraternalism," and manliness as distinguished from popularity, alone can secure.—*Alpha Chi Rho, Garnet and White*, May 1909

To grow or not to grow is an ever present question with every fraternity. We commend to our readers the excellent reasoning in the following extracts—few discussions of extension include reasoning; most are content with bare statement of prejudice, hearsay or personal "feeling."

Ultra-conservatism, through which an organization voluntarily refuses to prosper and enlarge the sphere of its influence, and by which it determines the bounds of its own development and lays the limitations beyond which it cannot progress, gives serious results. Such a policy matures an organization at once. Then what? Experience teaches that elements of weakness and decay, gradually increasing in their activity, germinate. Unnoticed, perhaps, by the casual observer, these processes are operating upon those organizations unalterably dedicated to the influences of ultra-conservatism. Fraternities of this type may not appear to be upon the brink of oblivion, perhaps far from it; but the issue is raised with the question of *how much greater might their power and influence be, had they not limited their possibilities?* Several fraternities of this character exist in the east. Some of them have a few excellent chapters; that they have some very weak ones is equally true; so that, after all, their real strength is represented not by the total chapter roll, small as that may be; consequently, narrowing down to active influence, several of these "Eastern fraternities" scarcely equal the activity and strength of a province or division of one of the larger and more influential fraternities, and in certain cases fall far short of reaching this

degree of service; whereas their contemporaries, who have been wisely progressive, number their chapters by the score and exert a wholesome influence among the colleges and universities and intelligent citizenship of the entire country. Their chapters exist in practically every state, and the members of each are so numerous that all of the larger cities support thriving alumni associations, their members are never stranded from each other, though they be of the smaller towns or rural districts. Under such conditions it is certain to be once an A. B. man always an A. B. man; the fraternity cannot be forgotten; interest can never die; the principles of these organizations so thoroughly and deeply entrenched in the wide range of territory as they are, are bound to exist for the maximum period, and doubtless long after those of the localized or sectional bodies have been forgotten, and their prestige is and will be enviable and their position universally recognized.

Every fraternity worthy of the name has a mission to fulfill, a duty to perform, and if it will be faithful to these trusts, it cannot refuse to develop or fail to extend the territory of its influence as rapidly as suitable opportunities arise. No fraternity should ever say that its chapter roll shall not be enlarged; but upon receiving an application should make thorough investigation of the field and the petitioning body, and if conditions appear reasonably satisfactory should grant a charter.

—*Delta Chi, Quarterly*, May 1909

If, at the start, a group of petitioners is certainly in earnest; if, at the start, they are worthy men; if, at the start they are financially sound; if, at the start, they are recognized by the rest of the college; why wait? In most cases they are better at the start than they are later, because as time goes on a sentiment against the local organization is created by the national fraternities. As members of a local organization they are sure to lose the fight for new men, and since we desire to enter the institution such loss is directly our loss.—*Sigma Nu, Delta*

I wish to give expression to the views and ideas of the chapter on the question of policy pursued in regard to the establishing of new chapters of the fraternity. This immediately resolves itself into the question of the growth of our fraternity, and the maintenance of standards.

We are all agreed, I think I may assume, that actual pulsing growth is an essential element of our useful virile life as a fraternity. . . . Thus far, then, we are agreed; we must live, and to live we must grow; not to grow is to retrogress, and—die. From this point, however, we

take our different ways. What form shall this growth take? To what method shall we bend our efforts to achieve our common object?

There are two points of view taken on this question. To some it means internal growth to the exclusion of expansion, while others hold that expansion is the proper method to pursue in fostering the growth of the fraternity, which we all desire.

Since the ultimate end of our striving is the same from whichever side we look at the question, it is clear that we are making a mistake not to settle the question satisfactorily and at once, and so unite our efforts and work in harmony. In order, therefore, to reach a decision, let us examine into the differences of opinion and see where they lead.

The men who favor internal improvement and look with disfavor on expansion are, I take it, working toward a genuinely increased effectiveness of fraternity life. The expansionists, too, I believe, are not aiming to make a mere show of large numbers, caring little or nought for our internal organization, but are also sincerely working toward a genuinely increased effectiveness of fraternity life.

What is internal improvement? To my mind it is the improvement of chapter and fraternity organization which shall further even better the objects for which the fraternity was founded and exists today to further.

This, assuredly, is an object we are all eager to see achieved and maintained. But is the policy of expansion alien to this object? We have assumed above, and rightly, I believe, that those who stand for expansion do so from sincere motives. What it seems necessary to make clear is, that expansion need not militate against an improved internal organization, but, on the contrary, may promote it. It is true a large organization requires more efficient direction than a small, but with such harmony of purpose as we should have, this very requirement gives rise to the improvement sought. Nor should we think that we can rest on our past laurels. To attempt this means first stagnation, and then inevitably a falling away from the standards already reached, and a decadent fraternity.

For a man to keep healthy mentally, physically and morally means that he must grow. He grows by exercise and the absorption of new oxygen, new experiences, the formation of new points of contact with the life around him. And so with a fraternity, a great composite man, it must keep healthy to do its work. How is this to be done in repose? New points of contact are as necessary here as before; new blood must be absorbed and assimilated. This means for the chapter new members, and for the fraternity new members; in this case, chapters. If we can believe this, and the great majority do, we must devise means to bring it about.

I have said the great majority desire this growth, this expansion of interests and activities through the establishment of new chapters. But under the present constitutional requirements do the majority get what they want? Clearly no. We have seen, those of us who have been privileged to attend conventions, how a majority composed of nearly all the chapters, together with many graduates, well informed and eager to work for the best interests of the fraternity, have been effectually blocked by a small minority again and again. In a convention of this organization, as in any legislative body, the majority should rule. We need differences of opinion. We need hot debate, for in this way always are the merits and faults best brought under the scrutiny which all sincere men desire. But the cry that we must have absolute uniformity, as though men were turned out like so many gross of German toys, may be dismissed as unworthy the consideration of those who want genuine progress.

The constitution, therefore, should be so amended as to permit the will of the majority, and not of a minority of two or three, to guide the policy of the entire fraternity. As a suggestion for a specific amendment, the Harvard chapter proposes that a unanimous vote be required on the first two applications for a charter made by any petitioning society, but that on any subsequent application a favorable vote of seven-eights of the chapters should be sufficient for the granting of a charter.

To refresh our minds then, we have seen that all recognize the need of healthy growth and advance whether they approach it from the side of "internal improvement" to the exclusion of an "expansion" policy, or whether they hold with the majority that expansion is the right policy for us. We have seen that this policy of expansion secures every aim of those opposed to it as a policy, and adds a broader view of the situation by its liberal but just interpretation of the aims and objects which all alike hold desirable. We are agreed that the majority should rule, but under the present constitution cannot, and are now arrived at the crux of the whole matter with the next logical step plainly before us, a step which the Harvard chapter thoroughly believes in and strongly recommends. So amend the constitution that the will of the majority shall be effective.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, Dec. 1909

We have several times in these columns pointed out the curious coupling by the chapters constituting the so-called conservative wing in Beta Theta Pi of the idea that the fraternity must cease to improve internally, if it expands externally and vice versa, or that we can not withdraw the charters of weak chapters unless we cease to grant new

ones. This is brought to our attention by a statement in the narrative relating the doings at the Reunion of District III, which reads as follows:

"The general conclusion was that the fraternity should be more conservative in its expansion, for there are a number of weak chapters already in the fraternity which should be placed on the inactive list."

By what process of reasoning these two ideas are connected together psychologically we are unable to ascertain. To our untutored mind it would seem that the acquisition of a strong chapter (and we have no desire to acquire any other kind) would be a help to the fraternity in all directions and could not possibly hinder the matter of the improvement of its internal administration.

On the other hand, we cannot see how time and attention devoted to the improvement of any particular chapter, or group of chapters, would tend to prevent the extension of the fraternity in view of the fact that the efforts to secure a charter are not usually efforts by members of the fraternity, but by those who are endeavoring to secure the result sought for.

It turns out curiously enough that one of the chapters which has usually heretofore been classed with this conservative wing and has with considerable unanimity voted against every application for a charter for some ten or twelve years is now in a decidedly bad condition. It has failed to initiate the proper number of men, has lost considerable of its local prestige and is by no means a chapter to be proud of at the present time. We believe that its alumni and the alumni of the fraternity in its immediate neighborhood are making efforts to assist it and we hope and believe that these efforts will be successful. We have not noticed, however, that any of the other chapters of this so-called conservative group have hastened to the assistance of this unfortunate chapter, and although these chapters still continue to state persistently that the poor condition of many of the chapters is due to the efforts being made to expand the fraternity, we cannot find that their desistance from taking part in such effort has been of any particular value to the chapter which now needs their aid and which does not get it. A more concrete and better example of the foolishness of the position stated could not be found. Here is an old time friend, one of their own kind, in distress and they want to cease paying any attention to applications for new chapters and to have the fraternity devote its time to placing the chapter on the inactive list. The lesson of true fraternal feeling seems to have been lost on some of the chapters. As this group of chapters will vote against applicants any how, they are free to expend their energies in helping

to put the chapter referred to on its feet. We hope they will do it. It's a mighty easy thing to sit still and criticize.—*Beta Theta Pi*, April 1909

Here are two pertinent ideas for chapter house owners and builders.

Every house owned by a chapter should be insured to an amount sufficient to provide against loss, which an ordinary fire would occasion to the structure, and if there is a debt on the house secured by a mortgage, it should be insured for sufficient to pay the debt, if the house is seriously damaged. How many houses, too, have an inventory of the household effects within them which could be produced in case of a fire and is in such shape that it would be recognized by the underwriters as a basis for a valid claim. Probably none.—*Beta Theta Pi*, June 1909

There is no gainsaying the statement that a chapter house is a good thing under ordinary conditions. But our purpose here is to point out to prospective chapter house builders a danger that too often is not guarded against by building chapters. Let President Schurman, of Cornell, a friend of the fraternity, describe the danger: "Guard against competing to have a larger and more luxurious house than any other on the campus. It is not easy for men to work when their purpose is mainly to live in fine houses, to have a good time, and to give what is left to the professors. The university does not exist for that." Comfortable homes—not white elephant palaces—should be the aim of the chapters that are now approaching the house-building period of their existence. And they should also keep in mind that the glory of a chapter should not be that it has the finest fraternity house in town, but that it has a membership that is spoken of both on and off the campus as being a credit to the college and the fraternity.—*Kappa Sigma, Caduceus*, June 1909

Chapter officers for the next college year will soon be chosen. How many of our chapters will, through ideal corresponding secretaries in 1910-11, prove they have read—and profited by—these suggestions? Honor will be cheerfully—yea enthusiastically—bestowed on every able, businesslike secretary! The Editor gently hints that equal intuition expended upon the choice of corresponding editors will receive equal praise and appreciation.

My experience as general secretary convinces me that few chapters of the fraternity give the proper amount of consideration to the selection of officers. It is clear that there are two types of chapter officials. One is represented by the member whose duties appertain to the affairs of the chapter home. The second type is illustrated by those whose work is largely associated with the larger life of the chapter as a branch of a great brotherhood. In the first class are the president, the recording secretary, the treasurer, the librarian, and the alumni secretary. In the second group are the corresponding secretary and the delegate to the general convention. . . .

The corresponding secretary is the one by whose efficiency the general secretary, the general treasurer, and the editor of the fraternity magazine judge a chapter. If he is efficient, courteous and prompt in correspondence and appreciative of his responsibility, the machinery of administration runs smoothly. The chapter is held in high esteem and the chances are that its internal workings are satisfactory. If he neglects his duties, fails to answer official communications sent to him, and permits his term to be marked by carelessness and inattention, the men of more maturity who have been chosen to carry on the work of general administration are apt to form quick judgments about the chapter itself.

The laws of the fraternity state in detail the principle responsibilities of the corresponding secretary. Experience leads me to believe that many a corresponding secretary never reads the laws at all, or if he does, fails to heed the plain suggestions. . . .

If the general secretary, the general treasurer, and the editor of the magazine were to combine to make a list of the different ways in which blundering stupidity is illustrated by corresponding secretaries, many of the chapters and the fraternity as a whole would feel a deep sense of shame.

It is true that few college men know how to write a letter, what a letter file or a carbon sheet is, or how to make out so simple a report as that required in October of each year. When it comes to preparing copy for the printer, the results are little short of being frightful.

Those chapters which have insisted on promptness, business methods, and unfailing courtesy on the part of the corresponding secretary have proved the possibility of finding at least one man in a chapter who has such qualifications.

When the individual chapters awaken to the importance of careful thought regarding the corresponding secretary, then and not till then, will Beta Theta Pi be able to realize its cherished hope of securing administrative efficiency.—*Beta Theta Pi*, Feb., 1909

Historical perspective is a very difficult thing to acquire. Why bother to preserve a record of this event that is such a vital part of our life that we can never forget even its minutest details? If we could listen to the mythical story of this event as related by the next fraternity generation—that is, the story six years old—we might wish there were a record. Each chapter should give the would-be historians among its members ample opportunity to gain experience with "original documents" through the collection and preservation of chapter life history. No more precious heritage can you leave your chapter than faithful service as chapter archivist. We commend to every archivist these suggestions from one with an appreciation of the historical significance of the *present* year.

Fortunate indeed is the chapter that begins its career with an idea of the eagerness with which its earliest history will be sought in later years, and with an idea of the sacredness with which all evidences and relics will be preserved.

A system for the collection and preservation of historical data concerning the chapter which will embody every matter of sufficient importance may be effected as follows:

An officer shall be chosen from the active members, who is in a position to know of all chapter proceedings and who will be familiar with all the activities participated in by the various members of the chapter. This officer must possess as qualifications, persistence and alertness.

The duty of this officer shall be to place in the archives of the chapter, first, all records and matters of interest and importance concerning the chapter as a body; second, all matters of interest and importance concerning the members of the fraternity in relation to their college or fraternity life.

Regarding the first division—matters of interest concerning the chapter as a whole: All correspondence of official nature, and suggestive or advisory correspondence from alumni shall be filed each year in a good letter box file and such file dated as to its year on the end or side so as to be easily determined from a number. These can be preserved from year to year with very little trouble. By this system correspondence may be saved with very little danger of confusion and specified letters easily found.

Next, concerning chapter interest, the archivist shall direct his attention to neatly arranged and interesting scrap or memory books. Into

these should go commentative articles, social and otherwise, by the press. I might mention any one of a hundred things that should go into it such as annual affair programs, dance programs, etc.

Another matter under the care of the archivist should be that of the chapter photographs. He should see that the photograph of each year's chapter is framed and hung in its place in the chapter room. No decorative feature of a chapter house is more striking than the series of photographs of the chapter hung in succession from year to year around its walls. The importance of the collection is such as to merit an extra file. I am assuming that the archive, whether chest, closet or vault, is fireproof, as by all means it should be. This extra file of photographs would be invaluable in case of a fire or other accident damaging the original collection.

The archivist should see that the alumnus of the chapter who gained special honor or prominence in the world, present their chapter with photograph and autograph, that he may be pointed out with pride as an offspring of the local chapter, and also have its effect in weight and impression.

An important duty of the archivist shall be the preservation of a visitors' record. Each year there should be furnished a record book; this receives the signature of all guests of the chapter for the year, and at the end of that time it should be turned over to the archivist for filing.

The college annual publication shall be filed each year. In no way can you record the development of the college, its tradition, customs, and history, its students and faculty in such an effective manner as by such a collection of annuals. These when saved thirty or forty years would be an invaluable addition to the chapter library.—*Phi Kappa Psi, Shield* [Extracted]

PANHELLENIC

Pi Beta Phi announces the installation of her Arkansas Alpha chapter at the University of Arkansas on December 29, 1909. This is the fortieth active Pi Beta Phi chapter. At the fall meeting of the Grand council favorable action was also taken on the petition from a local at Wooster university. This meeting arranged for a new catalogue of the fraternity; provided that each officer and chapter should be supplied with a copy of Mrs. Martin's *Handbook of sororities*; undertook to

complete the *Arrow* file of each Grand council office; and outlined a tentative programme for the Swarthmore convention.

Delta Upsilon held convention in Boston, November 3-6, 1909. Four hundred and ten members of the fraternity foregathered for this celebration of Delta Upsilon's Diamond jubilee. The convention adopted the plan of organization and incorporation over which a committee of forty-one has been working since last convention. The incorporation is of the fraternity as a whole, with each chapter electing one of its own alumni as a trustee. As a standard for institutions from which petitions for charter will be considered, the convention adopted the requirements of the Carnegie Foundation for the advancement of teaching. Steps were taken looking toward a system of uniform chapter accounting, and toward a new coat-of-arms. The 1910 convention will meet in San Francisco.

The practice of all fraternities holding their alumni reunions at the same time during Commencement week has been adopted at the University of Wisconsin.

At its recent convention Pi Kappa Alpha removed the territorial limitation that had confined its chapters to the south. Kappa Alpha is now the only distinctly southern fraternity.

Sigma Sigma Sigma at its convention, held in September last, adopted the plan of visiting delegates; and changed from the annual to the biennial convention plan.

Beta Theta Pi is publishing a series of articles on the fraternity's chapter houses. These articles are illustrated by floor plans of each house under discussion. The fraternity has recently adopted a standard badge.

Alpha Phi will hold its 21st convention in Baltimore, March 8-10. A catalogue of Alpha Phi appeared as a supplement to the September Quarterly. The catalogue has chapter lists,

divided between charter members, non-active members, and active members; and then a geographical index. It reports 1961 living members at the close of the college year 1908-09.

The November *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma is an "Other fellow number"—an issue largely devoted to what other fraternities are thinking, planning, and doing.

The Phi Alpha chapter at George Washington university is the fortunate chapter of Chi Omega, which has the honor of first winning the prize loving-cup presented by the Governing council to the chapter making the highest average in fraternity and college work for the year. This average is estimated on the following basis—20 per cent each: (1) University scholarship; (2) Chi Omega examination grades; (3) Promptness in sending letters and articles to the *Eleusis*; (4) Promptness in paying national dues; (5) Promptness in answering communications of the S. G. C.

Phi Kappa Psi, as a memorial to its Founders, has presented a granite and bronze drinking fountain to Washington and Jefferson college, where the fraternity was founded in 1852.

Last year the Phi Kappa Psi association of Beloit college offered several prizes to the active chapter. All the conditions were complied with, and each prize offered was won. One of the features of the annual banquet was the presentation of the prizes won by the active chapter during the college year, 1908-9. During the entire year's work only one member of the chapter had a condition. The prizes were distributed as follows:

1. The prizes given by Brothers Mouat and Welsh to the chapter on condition that it should lose no man by any avoidable cause throughout the college year 1908-9 was won.
2. Brother Wright's prize to the brother in the chapter having the highest number of credits in the school year 1908-9 was won by Brother Kofoed.
3. Brother Child's prize to the freshman in the chapter having the highest number of credits in the year 1908-9 was won by Brother Hinckley.

4. The prize of \$5 given to each brother in the chapter winning an official "B," offered by the Class of 1903 was awarded to Brothers Mead, Dunham, Pearsall, and Wolcott.

Similar prize offers, which were in cash, have been renewed for this year.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

The Board of regents of Minnesota state university has sent a committee of faculty fraternity members to investigate the interfraternity council of Nebraska state university, and the results of scholarship fraternity requirements at Iowa state university. A movement is on foot at Minnesota to abolish high school rushing and pledging through interfraternity agreement.

Alpha Xi Delta held convention in Syracuse the last week in October.

The October number of *Religious education* has four interesting articles upon fraternity matters: The college fraternity as a factor in the religious and moral life of the student by Prof. W. A. Scott of Wisconsin; The fraternity in the state university by Dean T. A. Clark of Illinois; The college fraternity as an ally in maintaining institutional standards by Pres. G. P. Benton of Miami; and, The fraternities in the University of Pennsylvania by Provost Harrison and Dean E. F. Smith.

Under recommendations and resolutions passed by the last grand chapter the executive committee is canvassing the question of a new system of accounting for the fraternity, as well as that of uniform chapter records. A sub-committee has the matter in charge, and it is probable that within a few weeks a report will be ready which will provide a systematic plan of accounting and records for the national organization which will be closely related, and perhaps control those of the active chapters. It is almost axiomatic that chapter records—financial and statistical—should be such as will fit into the system employed by the general fraternity. It follows also that the reverse should be the case, and that there should be a minimum in the duplication of effort.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

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- OMICRON ALUMNAE—1908 Seattle—Josephine Meissner, 4022 10th ave. N. E. Seattle, Wash.
- PI ALUMNAE—1909 Topeka—Mary W. Barkley, 621 Harrison st. Topeka, Kan.
- RHO ALUMNAE—1909 Denver—Josephine Whitehead, Golden, Col.
- SIGMA ALUMNAE—1909 St. Louis—Estelle Tooke Munger (Mrs. J. L.) 4211 Westminster Place, St. Louis, Mo.

TAU ALUMNAE—1909 Lincoln—Camille Hall, 1528 K st. Lincoln, Neb.
UPSILON ALUMNAE—1909 San Francisco—Florence Pope Plant (Mrs. F. B.) 178 Kempton ave. Oakland, Calif.

(Promptly notify the Editor of any change in secretaries or addresses.)

ALUMNAE CHAPTER MEETINGS

BETA ALUMNAE, Minneapolis, Minn.

At the homes of members, the dates varying to correspond with visits of out-of-town alumnae or other events which would naturally draw together many Thetas. All Thetas passing through Minneapolis or St. Paul are urged to notify Mildred Brown, 127 Clifton ave. Minneapolis.

GAMMA ALUMNAE, New York city.

First Saturday in the month from November to April inclusive, at the Hotel Martha Washington, 29 East 29th st. at 11:30 A. M. The chapter cordially welcomes any Kappa Alpha Theta in or about New York.

EPSILON ALUMNAE, Columbus, Ohio.

The first Saturday evening of each month at the homes of members. We shall be happy to welcome all Thetas at any of the meetings. Learn place of meeting from Grace Cockins, 1348 Neil ave. or Edith Corner, 642 E. Rich st.

ZETA ALUMNAE, Indianapolis, Ind.

First Saturday afternoon of each month excepting July and August at the homes of members. All Thetas in or near Indianapolis at the time of meeting are most welcome. Place of meeting can be learned by telephoning Josephine Pittman Scribner (Mrs. G. H. T) old telephone North 1931—or, Mary Snodgrass—new telephone 6212.

THETA ALUMNAE, Philadelphia, Pa.

At three o'clock on the first Saturday of the month from October to June, at the College club, 1524 Locust st. All Thetas are cordially welcome.

IOTA ALUMNAE, Los Angeles, Calif.

Second Saturday of each month from October to June, inclusive, at the homes of the members. All Thetas are most welcome. Visiting Thetas can find the place of meeting by telephoning Lucile Locke, 728 Berendo st.

KAPPA ALUMNAE, Pittsburg, Pa.

The first Saturday of each month in the College club rooms, Pittsburg. All Thetas welcome.

MU ALUMNAE, Cleveland, Ohio.

Second Saturday of the month from October to May inclusive at the homes of members. All Thetas most welcome.

NU ALUMNAE, Syracuse, N. Y.

First Saturday afternoon of the month at the homes of members. A visiting Theta can always be sure of a hearty greeting from Nu alumnae. The place of meeting can be learned by telephoning to Mabel Parker Stillwell (Mrs. Giles H.)

XI ALUMNAE, Kansas City, Mo.

Last Saturday of every month at the homes of members. Thetas in the vicinity will please notify Miss Marienne Brooke, 4208 Campbell st. telephone 1184 south.

OMICRON ALUMNAE, Seattle, Wash.

First Saturday in each month excepting July, August and September, at the homes of members. All Thetas in the city or visiting in Seattle are asked to attend these meetings. Visiting Thetas may find the place of meeting by asking the secretary, Josephine Meissner, 4022 Tenth ave. N. E.

PI ALUMNAE, Topeka, Kansas.

Fourth Saturday of every other month beginning with January. One o'clock luncheon. All visiting Thetas are cordially urged to make themselves known to us through our president Mrs. Dr. Bowen, 801 Western ave.

TAU ALUMNAE, Lincoln, Neb.

Last Saturday of the month for one o'clock lunch at the Y. W. C. A. Visiting Thetas cordially welcomed.